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Wheelie bins are on the way to thousands

SOME 40,000 homes in the Dudley borough will get wheelie bins from July 1.

Thousands of homes across Dudley will begin receiving wheelie bins for household rubbish from July 1, it was announced today.

Council bosses said that streets in parts of Quarry Bank, Netherton, Coseley, Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Halesowen would be among the first to get the bins.

Households will also get two bags for paper, card, plastic bottles and cans.

This is the first phase of a £2.5 million project. The second phase of deliveries will be later this year and the final phase by next spring.

After the deliveries are complete, residents will have one collection day for recycling and household waste. Some now have up to three.

Householders will have a blue bag for paper and card, a green bag for plastic bottles and cans and the existing black box will be for glass bottles and jars.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We want to do everything we can to help our residents to recycle more."

She said the new service would mean more efficient collections.

It is hoped the wheelie bin plan will save the council £250,000 a year it currently spends on black bin bags.

Sad farewell to ex-mayor

FIREFIGHTERS formed a guard of honour at the funeral of Dudley councillor George Davies on Tuesday - what would have been his 76th birthday.

Hundreds of mourners packed into St Chad's Church, Coseley to pay their respects to Councillor Davies, a former mayor of Dudley. He had represented Coseley across five decades and was a member of the region's fire authority for a quarter of a century.

FAMILY'S TERROR ON SINKING BOAT



Recovering - Bill and Susan Ellis with son Stuart, his wife Claire and their children Lauren and Olivia

A FAMILY of six told of their terror as they fought for their lives when a pleasure boat they were on suddenly started sinking.

The Ellis family's outing on the Yellow Duckmarine in Liverpool turned to horror film as the vessel sank with 31 people on board.

The family said they feared for their lives as panic gripped the passengers.

Grandfather Bill Ellis was hailed a hero after he saved dozens of fellow passengers as the boat sank at the Albert Dock in Liverpool.

Stuart and Claire Ellis, of Sedgley, had

by Sharon Marris

travelled with daughters Lauren, aged 11, and Olivia, seven, and Stuart's parents Bill and Susan to Merseyside for Bill's 70th birthday.

The family boarded the amphibious boat on Saturday and were near the end of the tour when disaster struck.

Safely back at their home in Queens Road, Claire said the boat's driver had struggled to get the boat on to the ramp to end the trip, so had gone a few metres further out at Salt-house Dock to try again.

The 37-year-old said: "I could see he was trying to kick the gearbox and was trying to get things moving, but nothing was happening. Then somebody screamed: 'There's

water! There's water!'" With water rapidly filling the boat, the family of six struggled to pull themselves out through the plastic windows.

Claire, a financial advisor, said: "There was a lot of screaming and the girls were hysterical."

Struggling

The water got to around knee deep before we were able to climb out. Lauren was saying: 'I'm going to die, I'm going to die. I just kept telling her: 'you're not.'"

Grandfather Bill pulled himself on to the roof of the boat and threw the two life-rafts stored there in to the water to help people struggling to swim.

Bill, who lives with wife Susan, 66, in Old Barn Road, Wordsley, said: "I just remember

thinking: the only chance we've got is them (the rafts). I don't really remember how I got myself up on the top of the boat."

"If it hadn't been for him, we wouldn't be here. We'd be dead," said Claire. It took just a few minutes for the boat to sink and although the Ellis family can swim they found it difficult with clothes weighing them down. A large eventually came to the rescue.

The family were uninjured but they lost everything they had with them. Stuart said: "We came back to Sedgley that night and even had to break into our own house because the keys had gone too. But we're just thankful we're all ok."

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Bill climbed on top of the Yellow Duckmarine to help others



Passengers cling on as the bus disappears under the water

Hospital's risk rating worsens to amber-red

DUDLEY'S Russells Hall Hospital's risk rating has worsened after targets for accident and emergency waiting times, and treatment for cancer patients, were missed.

It has gone from green to amber-red after concerns were raised by health watchdog Monitor.

The Government goals were missed during the first three months of the year.

Latest figures show that 92.6 per cent of A&E patients were seen within four hours between January and March. The target is 95 per cent.

Around 23,400 people attended the department during the period.

Bosses also failed to meet the 62-day deadline for cancer patients needing treatment after urgent referral from their GPs, with 84.8 per cent of people seen. The target is 85 per cent.

Bosses at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust said there had been a great demand on the A&E department, mirrored at other hospitals.

They also said a higher than usual number of patients had been referred for cancer treatment during the period. Targets were met for April.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "The Dudley Group makes every effort to ensure that all treatment is carried out as quickly as possible and within the nationally agreed time frame."

Escape plan was rubbish

THREE suspected burglars jumped into bins to try to hide from police. Officers were called after a resident heard noise at his home in Smith Street, Dixons Green, Dudley, at 4.40am on Monday.

After a chase, one man was arrested from a bin nearby, and the two suspected accomplices were found at the bottom of a rubbish chute at a block of flats.

No-one was hurt.

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Shock as metal thieves steal gas pipes

THE 'incredibly dangerous' actions of metal thieves who stripped gas piping from homes 'beggars belief', it has been claimed.

It came as residents told of their shock after the raids caused a gas leak.

Glenis Pearce's home in Coseley was one of more than half a dozen targeted by thieves.

The 66-year-old was woken by a

loud noise last week and smelled gas. She noticed the pipes on the side of the semi-detached house in Robert Wynd were missing.

National Grid spokeswoman Jane Taylor said: "We were called out to houses in Coseley where pipework was stolen and we made the situation safe. It beggars belief that people would do this as it is incredibly dangerous."

Mrs Pearce, who looks after her disabled husband John, 70, said: "I looked outside and the pipes had gone - I couldn't believe it. It was very worrying."

"It left us without gas for two days while we waited for it to be fixed."

"When my new boiler was fitted in 2010, I said at the time I wasn't happy with the pipes being outside where they could be seen."

Homes in nearby Clifton Street were also hit. Fire crews from Dudley and Bilston were called to Clifton Street after residents reported a strong smell of gas. They found copper gas piping cut off on one end of the row of properties.

Firefighter Andy Rainey said: "These people have put their lives and the lives of others at risk by stealing this metal."

Army in drive to find new recruits

ARMY boots are hitting the ground in Dudley as part of a nationwide recruitment campaign aimed at bringing 10,000 soldiers into the Army over the coming year.

As part of the campaign, people are being invited to attend one of a number of recruitment events in the Black Country over the next month.

There will be a special Jobcentre Plus clinic in Dudley on June 26, from 1pm to 3pm.

The clinic will provide potential recruits with more information about the range of jobs available in the Army and a unique opportunity to meet and talk to young serving soldiers about what the Army can offer.

The Dudley event is part of a nationwide campaign to dispel the misconception that the Army is not hiring. Brigadier Andrew Jackson, the Director of Recruiting and Training for the Army, said: "We are always looking for talented, young people to take up the challenge of a career in the Army."

"No matter what your skills or background, the Army has something to offer you and an Army job provides opportunities to learn much more beyond military skills. It will develop you and show you the strengths you didn't know you had."

Mayor gets help with campaign

BRUNO the dog has helped the Mayor of Dudley with his campaign to raise money for charity.

Councillor Alan Finch invited representatives from his chosen charities, including the eight and a half year old dog from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Representatives from Cancer Support, The White House, Dudley, also joined the Mayor for afternoon tea at the Council House in Dudley.

Councillor Finch said: "It was great to meet the representatives."

They make such a big difference to the people who rely on their support, from people with cancer and their families to the people who need a dog to get out."

The site of a demolished club in Stourbridge is making way for new homes after the scheme was given the go-ahead by council chiefs.

Dudley Council planning officers have approved Smethwick-based Bains Builders' planning application for the housing development on the former Stourbridge War Memorial Club.

The old club, in Amblecote High Street, was knocked down last month. It had become a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour since it closed in 2002.

Earlier plans to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret bar in 2010 fell through after residents raised concerns.

Concerns

Last August, the site was sold by estate agents Lee Shaw Partnership and a proposal was put forward in January to build four detached care homes for young adults on the site.

But that planning application was later withdrawn because of concerns over the amount of traffic that would be going in and out of site.

The latest plan by Bains Builders is for four houses.

Under the new scheme, each of the four houses will have four en-suite bedrooms.

The homes will be brick-built with the style designed to be in keeping with existing properties in the area.

Margaret Scott, chairman of the Stourbridge Town Partnership, welcomed the approval for the new plans.

She said: "The building was an absolute eyesore before."

Fans snap up Weller gig tickets in minutes

TICKETS for Paul Weller's gig in Wolverhampton sold out within 30 minutes of going on sale last week.

Dozens of fans queued at the Midland Box Office in the city centre from the early hours to get their hands on tickets for the October 16 show at the Civic Hall.

The Modfather is returning to the venue as part of a 10-concert tour.

Diamond couple celebrate with family



Ron and Patricia Evans, celebrating their anniversary

A PAIR of teenage sweethearts have celebrated 60 years of married bliss.

Their eyes first met when they were pupils at Park School in Grange Road, Dudley.

And devoted couple Ron and Patricia Evans have been by each other's side ever since.

They got married on May 30 1953 after Mr Evans, now 82, had completed two year's national service which he served in Egypt.

"We were 15 and 13 when we first met. I wanted to get married at 18 but my father told me I should wait until after I had done my national service. We didn't see

each other for two years while I was in Egypt," said Mr Evans.

The wedding ceremony took place at St James Church in Eve Hill, Dudley and Mr Evans, who worked as a milkman for Midland Counties Dairy for 10 years, said it had been worth the wait.

Delighted

Mr Evans also worked for Geoff Hickinbottom's bakery in Wednesbury while Mrs Evans, now aged 80, was a seamstress.

The couple, of Brierley Hill, have two children, Michael and Sharon, as well as eight grandchild-



The couple on their big day

dren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr Evans, who said he enjoyed improving their home including decorating, said they were delighted to celebrate their diamond wedding.

To mark the important milestone their family organised a special dinner party.

The couple will also be going on holiday to Jersey later in the year.

"Our secret to a happy marriage is give and take. We enjoy each other's company and I've never been out the house without her," said Mr Evans.

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Man, 25, sent to jail after car crash

A DRIVER who took his girlfriend's car and smashed into another vehicle after ignoring a red light, has been jailed for 12 months.

Daniel Biles, of Lodge Crescent, Netherton, took the car without permission and hit a Land Rover Discovery in Marriott Road, Brierley Hill.

The other driver had gone through a green light and had even slowed down. About £500 damage was caused to the Land Rover, Howard Searle, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The driver found the car Biles was driving abandoned along the road.

Biles, aged 25, was found guilty of dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, failing to stop at the scene of an accident and aggravated vehicle taking, after a trial at Dudley Magistrates Court.

He was jailed for 12 months for dangerous driving and was given a three-month sentence for aggravated vehicle taking, to run concurrently. He was also banned from driving for two years.

Stephen Hamblett, defending, said Biles's partner had forgiven him and they were still together. He added: "She has lost out as the insurance company is not paying out."

Councils warned on filming

COUNCILS have been warned by Eric Pickles to stop using false legal objections to prevent the public filming meetings.

The Communities Secretary said he wanted to stand up for public scrutiny as he published a guide to people's rights to report proceedings and obtain official documents.

The Department for Communities and Local Government said councils continued to refuse to allow councillors and officers to be filmed, but it was a misconception that it was prohibited. Mr Pickles said: "I want to stand up for the rights of journalists and taxpayers to scrutinise decisions of the state."

Data protection should not be used to suppress reporting."

Rowena's £10k target in memory of tragic son

HEARTBROKEN mother Rowena Jeremy is channelling grief into action.

She has raised nearly £5,000 by running in memory of her son, who died aged eight, from an asthma attack.

Despite being asthmatic herself, Mrs Jeremy, aged 38, of Wordsley, has been inspired by her son Owen's love of sport. And with friends, she has started taking part in races.

She competed in a Manchester 10,000 kilometre event recently - and plans to

carry on to raise £10,000 for Asthma UK by the end of the year.

"I know it's something Owen would never have believed his mummy could do," said Mrs Jeremy. "I have really enjoyed it and I will be carrying on."

Owen, who loved football and swimming, died last May when he went into cardiac arrest in Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after suffering an asthma attack at his school, Fairhaven Primary.

Friends of Owen, his mother and

father, David, have also been running to raise cash in his memory. They include David Rowe, headteacher of Fairhaven Primary, other staff at the school and mothers of some of the youngster's pals.

School friends have also raised £13,000 for an adventure playground at the school in memory of Owen, who lived with his parents in Primrose Hill.

To help Mrs Jeremy's appeal see www.justgiving.com/rowena-jeremy



Nicola Chowings-Thomas, Stephanie Mackenzie, Rowena Jeremy, Jo Lancaster and Tamsyn Eida

Devoted elderly couple die in horrific car crash

Sports fan Andy rides for his father



Andy Luckett who is taking part in the Football League Challenge charity bike ride in memory of his father

A SPORTS fan is joining up with one of his football heroes for a mammoth cycle ride from London to Amsterdam to raise cash for charity.

Andy Luckett, aged 48, teamed up last week with former England striker Luther Blissett and 50 other cyclists on the 155-mile route from Wembley.

Mr Luckett, of Dibdale Road, Dudley, took on the challenge to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

His father John Luckett, who lived in West Heath in Birmingham, died from the cancer aged 80, in 2000.

So far, the Department of Work and Pensions civil servant has raised more than £1,000 in sponsorship for the ride.

He said: "I saw the ride advertised and it was perfect for me. I love football and Luther Blissett, enjoying cycling, and want to raise money for fighting prostate cancer."

Mr Luckett trained hard for the event and lost more than a stone in weight in the process.

He said: "I used to often cycle to work in Birmingham, but I did some big rides in preparation, cycling up to 70 miles a day."

"The ride is tough, but going along with so many other cyclists and Luther will give me a lift."

People can help Andy Luckett to reach his fundraising target by logging on to website uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewLuckett1



Andy's father John Luckett

A DEVOTED elderly couple were found holding hands in the wreckage of a car crash which claimed their lives.

John and Betty Hodgkiss died in the smash and were found with their hands clasped together inside their badly damaged car moments after the tragedy.

Mr Hodgkiss, an 82-year-old retired bus driver and former army corporal, died at the scene of the accident last Friday at Wootton, Six Ashes, on the A458 Bridge-north to Stourbridge road.

His 79-year-old wife was airlifted to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she died the following evening.

The couple, who had been married for 52 years, were travelling from their home in Bilston Road, Tipton, to their favourite pub near Bridgnorth for a meal when their car, a Ford Mondeo, was in collision with a grey Audi A4 TDI estate.

Their son David, 47, of the Woodside estate, Dudley, said: "The most comforting thing for me is that they have gone together."

"We were told that they were found holding hands in the car so they must have had time to say goodbye to each other."

Married

The couple also leave daughter-in-law Jackie and granddaughters, Katie, 26, Rebecca, 18, Jessica, 16, and Samantha, 15.

Mr Hodgkiss had served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, after which he worked as a coach driver, which led to a chance meeting with Betty.

They were together for 10 months before they married at Hill Top Methodist Church, West Bromwich, in 1961.

Mr Hodgkiss had some mobility problems in recent years and had a hip operation last October. He bought



Betty and John Hodgkiss

the automatic Mondeo Zetec about six weeks ago.

The couple would often visit The River and Rail Country Inn, in Hampton Loade, near Bridgnorth.

Police said they were travelling from the Stourbridge direction towards Bridgnorth when the accident happened.

The woman driving the Audi suffered minor injuries.

"We want to thank all their friends and neighbours and our family for being so supportive and also the emergency services for what they did, and the family police liaison officer," added David.

"I'm still devastated - I can't believe they are gone. They were such a brilliant couple."

Next-door neighbour Philip Barklam, 54, said: "They were a lovely couple."

NEWS in brief

Festival to raise cash for church

AN appeal is being made for help to help pay for essential maintenance to the only Grade 1 listed building in Stourbridge - St Thomas' church in Market Street.

The lighting system needs replacing, the interior needs redecorating, and the church hall needs to be revamped.

The main fundraising activity will be a three-day flower festival from June 28 which will be opened by MP Margot James. It will include a performance by the Stourbridge Operatic Society on the Sunday.

Development is one of the best

A multi-million pound housing development was in Walsall town centre has been named as one of the top 50 in the UK.

The £55m Walsall Waterfront was one of just three housing developments in the West Midlands to be selected.

Judge and Chartered Institute of Housing Board member Elaine Elkington praised the 322 home site, which saw the redevelopment of 5.5 acres of derelict brown-field land.

Delays warning on stretch of M5

A STRETCH of the M5 in the West Midlands will be closed overnight for a week for resurfacing work.

The Highways Agency is warning of disruption on the southbound stretch between junctions three near Halesowen and four near Lydiate Ash. The work started on Monday and the motorway was being closed from 9.30pm to 5.30am.

Pub of the year gets its award

THE Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has chosen the winner of its pub of the year award.

Members were visiting the winning pub, The Starving Rascal, in Bretell Lane, Ambleside, today (Thursday) at 8pm to make the presentation of the award.

Opera parts offer

AN operatic group in Cradley Heath is launching open auditions for its latest show, Copacabana.

TAB Operatic Society is staging the auditions at Dudley Wood Methodist Church Hall on July 2. Call 0121 550 7254 for details.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



GREAT understatements of our time: "Those silly things." Term used by former Netherlands prime minister Ruud Lubbers to describe 22 American nuclear bombs still in bunkers on Dutch soil.

WITH a hint of disgust, Jenni Murray complains that young women who succeed in classical music are "the ones who are prepared to go along with the idea that sex sells." Why single out classical music? One of the mysteries of our age, after 40 years of strident feminism, is that men can become rock, pop or classical stars wearing normal clothes but women have to do it in their underwear.

POLISH doctors have set up a practice in London, offering 30-minute appointments seven days a week, until 11pm. The surgery boasts spotless premises, friendly receptionists and has almost 6,000 Brits on its books, even though appointments cost £70 a time. How can such a clinic possibly flourish when our beloved NHS is free? Simple. I have a friend who wanted a short appointment with her doctor at her local GP surgery which is, of course, closed at nights and weekends. She will have to wait 11 days. She is actually relieved because in the past she has had to wait over three weeks for an appointment. What's the point in having a free service if it is so useless? So here's the key question. If a doctor could see you today or tomorrow, at a time to suit you, for a full 30 minutes with the chance of a speedy referral to a specialist, how much would you be prepared to pay? In affluent London, the rate appears to be £70. How long, faced with the dismal service offered by some NHS surgeries, before paid-for surgeries on the Polish pattern spring up across the rest of Britain?

A LADY reader of a certain age sends me a sad letter about her childhood. She recalls the flashers, self-touchers, low-level molesters, knicker-peekers and other assorted dirty old men that she and her childhood friends encountered on an almost daily basis. Behaviour which was considered merely unpleasant or puzzling back then will today land you behind bars and on the sex offenders' register pretty damn quick, and a good thing too.

MORE on BT. Or should that be Moron BT? A reader tells me she has just challenged BT over her 85-year-old mother's phone bill. She discovered her mother had been charged every quarter for the use of a phone which had been disconnected 15 years ago. BT nobly paid up £6.84 compensation.

A BIZARRE case of theft is reported from Middlesbrough where a man visited a goldsmith, asked to see some diamonds and suddenly swallowed them. The thief later handed a bag of excrement to the police but the diamonds have never been recovered. Where can they be? Sherlock Holmes would have known: "Alimentary, my dear Watson."

IN A clerical tiff over gay marriage on Facebook, the Rev Marcus Ramshaw (for) denounces the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (against) thus: "He does not speak in my name and I think he is a w****" but I'm not going to stop being a Christian or a priest." Wise decision. How many other professions allow their minions to call the boss a w**** and not get sacked?

THERE'S an interesting little spat about Ramshaw on the right-on Independent website which will not allow contributors to use the word w**** in full. One suggests: "Use banker. It's just as insulting."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Council staff vote to take pay offer

THOUSANDS of council staff in the West Midlands have voted against striking over a pay offer that union leaders had branded paltry.

The Union union asked members whether they wanted to take industrial action after local government workers were offered their first pay increase in three years.

They said the one per cent offer was much lower than private sector staff had received in recent years and that their salaries had effectively been cut.

The union's national bosses said they believed it was the best offer achievable by negotiation, and that only industrial action could achieve an

improved offer. However the majority of members have voted to accept it.

In Wolverhampton the union represents 5,000 workers, where 71 per cent wanted to accept the pay increase.

In Dudley, the 4,000 members voted by three to one in favour of taking the rise.

Attack

In Sandwell, 69 per cent voted to take the rise, as did two thirds of the 6,500 asked in Staffordshire. Walsall figures were not available.

Union leaders will decide what action to take when votes from across the country are in.

Dudley branch secretary Steve

Beardmore said: "I'm not surprised by the results because times are hard and people who work for councils have got husbands and wives who have also lost their jobs elsewhere."

Staffordshire branch secretary Steve Elsey said: "There has been a consistent attack on living standards of public sector workers and because of the position they find themselves in, there is no will to take this any further."

Wolverhampton branch secretary Adrian Turner said: "Our branch committee felt it was important to seek the views of as many members as possible on this paltry offer."



Steve Beardmore

Wildlife protected as homes are built

WORK on a housing development in the grounds of an 18th century manor house near Stourbridge is under way.

Ecologists have been on site at Wordsley Manor installing features to protect wildlife on the site, off Meadowfields Close, before construction starts on 14 homes.

A survey found three species of bat and three types of slow worms there.

The measures to protect them include saving foraging areas and creating a lighting scheme that would not scare bats away. Bat boxes will be put up, reptiles will be moved and a 'sunken reptile movement' corridor will allow the slow worms to move from the brook to the canal.

Gavin Warr, managing director of developer Selbourne Homes, said: "We've got about a month or so before we start building."

More than 100 people objected to the scheme when it went before Dudley Council planners in 2011.

They were worried about its impact on traffic and car parking, and conservation group Natural England had concerns over wildlife.

The council gave approval after the Hagley-based developers promised to protect the bats and slow worms.

New fitness classes on centre menu

TWO new calorie-burning, muscle-toning classes are being introduced at Dudley Leisure Centre.

The new Monday classes are being added to the programme at the centre in Wellington Road as part of a six-week trial. A bike class is led by a qualified instructor and runs from 1.30 to 2.15pm.

The accumulator is a new circuit class, from 12.30 to 1.15pm, which adds an exercise to each round, building stamina.

Both cost £3.45 per person with a 50 per cent reduction for Options+ leisure discount holders. Sessions are free to Options Lifestyle members.

People interested in classes at the leisure centre can call 01384 812800.

GP surgery closes as part of merger plan

A DOCTOR'S surgery has been closed as part of a merger plan, ahead of the opening of a multi-million pound health centre in Stourbridge.

Work is under way to convert the derelict former Foster, Raistrick and Company plant into an £8.5 million health centre.

by Andrew Turton

The development, which will serve 26,000 patients, is being created by Worcester Street Medical Practice in partnership with Primary Health Properties Plc.

The medical practice operates three surgeries which will close in phases before the main facility opens in 2014.

Bosses have announced the first branch surgery to shut will be the one in Meriden Avenue, Wollaston, on June 29.

Difficulties

Some patients have raised concerns with councillors about the move because of the extra distances to travel, especially for elderly people or those with mobility problems.

Ward councillor Ian Marrey said: "I can understand some people using Meriden Avenue will be disappointed that they face difficulties over the next year and it could be hard for them to get to the other surgeries. There is another surgery in Wollaston, however."

Practice manager Cathryn Bateman said they would listen to patients' con-

cerns but the move out of the outdated facilities was necessary.

"We are sorry that some of our patients feel that the closure of Meriden Avenue will adversely affect them."

"We can reassure them that we remain committed to providing first-class health care during the time of transition and beyond," she said.

"We are very happy to discuss the issue with patients that feel directly affected. We have developed new premises with our patients in mind. We are aware that we have outgrown our current premises and that they are no longer suitable."

Approval for plans was given around three years ago but the scheme was not finalised until a contract was agreed between Worcester Street Medical Practice and Primary Health Properties last October.

Primary Health Properties will lease the centre on a 25-year contract to the GP practice when building is complete.

Donate to give hospice a lift

STAFF at a garden centre are holding a fundraising event for Mary Stevens Hospice. The Webbs Garden Centre in West Hagley will host the Donate, Don't Dump Day on June 27, between 10am and 5pm. People can bring along good quality items which are no longer needed.

Youngsters toddle for charity



From left, three-year-old twins Christopher and Amelia Bowen and Holly Hanson, two, with Dudley College childcare student Lauren Guy and zoo mascot Jambi Tiger

HUNDREDS of youngsters joined the annual Barnardo's Big Toddle at Dudley Zoo.

Under-fives, dressed as characters from their favourite books, took over Dudley Castle courtyard, at the heart of the zoo, to help raise funds for disadvantaged children, and they took part in a short sponsored walk at the site.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman said: "We are delighted to welcome back

Barnardo's Big Toddle. It was fantastic to see so many nurseries, childminders, playgroups and families joining us to raise funds for a very worthy cause, and everyone had a fantastic time."

The event has been held at the zoo for 14 years.

Peters Hill Primary School nursery keyworker Christine Southall said: "We enjoy fundraising for Barnardo's and have taken part in the Toddle for more than 10 years."

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Festival of music planned for park

LOUD music and guitars are once again taking over Haden Hill House and park in Cradley Heath this summer for a one-day music festival.

The Opportunity Rocks festival is on Sunday July 7, between 11am and 6pm. This is the fourth year that the event in the park has been held.

It gives young indie, rock and pop musicians and singers a chance to perform live in front of an audience.

Cabinet member for highways and environment Councillor Maria Crompton said: "In previous years we have had some amazing young talent on stage.

"The event is a great opportunity for young bands to get up and perform."

The hunt is now on for performers for the show.

As well as the live music there will also be temporary body art, an inflatable assault course, and a burger van, and a local guitar shop will be demonstrating and showcasing their wares.

And there will be a DJ between bands.

The event is free for participants and for the audience. Councillor Crompton added: "We really want to create a festival atmosphere in the park, but hopefully without the festival mud."

Anyone wanting more information should ring 01384 569444.

Service acts to prevent risk of falls

PEOPLE in Dudley are being urged to look after their feet as part of a campaign to reduce the number of people suffering falls in later life.

Members of Dudley Council's falls service were on the streets of the borough promoting its service.

The team, which provides a free service to over-65s, are urging on people to keep their feet healthy to lower the risk of falling. The service says that every year, one in three people aged over 65 will suffer a fall.

Councillor Dave Branwood, cabinet member for adult social care said: "There are lots of simple things we can do to help avoid falls and stay healthy."

Dudley falls service can be contacted on 01384 814459.

Royal honours for unsung community heroes



Dorothy Clarke MBE

UNSUNG heroes have been celebrating after they were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Among the Black Country people honoured for their achievements was **Dorothy Clarke** who was made an MBE for services to elderly people and to the communities of Pedmore, Stourbridge and Little Cornbow, Halesowen.

For almost three decades the 85-year-old has been at the helm of Pedmore Senior Citizens Club, which organises an array of lunches, entertainment and talks for pensioners.

And she has also been chairman of the over-50s club in Little Cornbow, Halesowen for 12 years.

Mrs Clarke, who lives in Pedmore with her husband of 61 years, Terry, has three children, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

She said being made an MBE was 'absolutely amazing'.

And she added: "It's a great honour. I thoroughly enjoy my work. So many people are lonely, they just need somewhere to meet other people, enjoy a nice lunch or some entertainment and then they leave smiling."

Jean Hughes was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to the community through her keep fit classes, and her contribution to charity in Kingswinford. The 77-year-old has been running exer-

cise classes in Wordsley and the surrounding area for 41 years.

With the help of her group, she has raised more than £115,000 for good causes by staging events and holding raffles.

Mother-of-one Mrs Hughes, who lives with husband of 56 years, Ray, in Kingswinford, said: "I do my keep fit classes because I enjoy them, and the charity work because I want to help other people."

"I don't do it all to get an award, but it is nice to receive it."

"I have a great group of ladies who help me so I accept this award on behalf of my group too," she said.



Jean Hughes BEM

Laser combat zone zapped as landlord decides to sell

Residents flee homes in fire drama

A FATHER and son had to jump from a first floor window to flee a fire in their block of flats in Stourbridge.

People living in the two-storey block, in Wollescote, had to dash from their homes to escape flames last week.

Mark Skinner and his son Liam, who live in a first floor flat, jumped 15ft out of a window.

Liam, aged 19, jumped first and then held a sheet taut so Mr Skinner could throw down their pet dog Honey. Mr Skinner then followed.

"It was an inferno," said Mr Skinner, aged 50. "I was on the sofa and the next thing I knew someone was banging on my door shouting 'fire, fire'."

"The corridor was filled with thick smoke. I thought there's no way we're getting down there."

Dragged

Also evacuated from the flats in Archer Court was 86-year-old widow Olwin Perry. "I was in the bedroom getting ready to go to my daughter's home when I smelt smoke," she said.

"Someone shouted 'get out Olwin, there's a fire', I said 'I can't leave my home' and he said 'forget your home', and dragged me to safety. I did not even have shoes on."

The fire began in the living room of an apartment where a couple in their 20s live with their three-year-old daughter.

Firefighter Gavin Pardoe said no-one was seriously injured but the couple were treated for smoke inhalation.



Mark Skinner and son Liam, who rescued their dog Honey from a fire

A LASER COMBAT zone that attracts around 6,000 youngsters a year faces the axe, after the business and three other companies were given their marching orders by their landlord.

The four businesses, which employ a total of about 30 people, are at the former Bronx factory site at the junction of Thorns Road and Dudley Road, Lye. The land owners plan to flatten the site so it can be sold.

Given notice to quit by July 31 are laser combat centre Battle Storm HQ, its parent company Momentum Ltd, manufacturing company Bradbury International UK, and Triple C Costume Hire.

Momentum, which makes the laser equipment used by Battle Storm HQ, is hoping to find alternative premises.

But Battle Storm HQ is unlikely to find other premises big enough, so five of its six workers will lose their jobs.

"It's a complete blow," said manager Helen Morris, the only member of staff to keep her job as she also works for Momentum.

Popular

"Despite being hugely popular with the public since opening in February 2010, we are being forced to close due to the landlord demolishing the building and forcing us, and other tenants, out."

"I know the kids really enjoy it. Battle Storm HQ gives them the chance to have a go with laser replica weapons in a safe environment."

"There is very little protection for businesses suffering from such decisions by landlords."

Miss Morris, daughter of Momentum director David Morris, said that in October,



Helen Morris

the companies were given six months' notice to leave which was extended to July 31.

"We're desperately trying to find other premises for Momentum, which employs five of us, but there is little chance we would find anywhere big enough for Battle Storm HQ," she added.

Battle Storm HQ occupies the downstairs part of the former Bronx factory, and Momentum is upstairs.

Miss Morris said the business would need an area of about 5,000 sq ft. Bradbury International UK and Triple C Costume Hire are in other buildings on the same site but both said they had plans to move elsewhere.

When contacted John Clarkson Hodgson, director of Clarkson Properties, which owns the site, said he did not want to comment.

NEWS

in brief

Trust invitation to young people

YOUNG people in Dudley are being offered the chance to join a programme run by The Prince's Trust.

It will combine working for qualifications, a week of outdoor pursuits and volunteering in the community.

It is being run by City of Wolverhampton College and West Midlands Police and is open to people aged between 16 and 25.

It starts on July 15. For more information, call 07768 766349.

Online route to find information

DUDLEY people can now find their local council and other services at the click of a button.

The town council has set up an online service to help residents find information about their area. The Find My Local web page can be found from www.dudley.gov.uk

People simply input their postcode and gain access to a range of information including details on amenities such as recycling facilities, community centres and local schools.

Art forms part of church festival

ST PETER'S Church, Cradley, hosts an art exhibition, including a birdbox-making workshop, as part of a festival week from July 13 to 21.

Mouth and foot painter Graham Handley and local artist Philip Adams will exhibit work on July 20 from noon to 4pm. There will also be a workshop by the Wildlife Trust to make bird boxes, as part of Cradley Festival Week.

Ramblers to get wildflower show

SOME of the country's most colourful wildflowers will be on display at Saltwells nature reserve between Netherton and Quarry Bank, when ramblers join a walk on June 23.

The walk starts at 10am on June 23 at the car park, off Saltwells Lane. To book a place, or find out more, call 01384 812795.

Free live music

FREE live music events, including one in Sedgley's Baggeridge Country Park, will be staged in July in celebration of the legacy of the Olympics, it has been announced.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

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ANDREWS

A THREE-minute film, funded by the Government, has been made for prospective Polish immigrants warning them that the streets of Britain are not paved with gold.

This charming little movie, entitled *Before You Go*, tells the cautionary tale of a homeless Polish immigrant who is robbed of his money and identification papers.

Then, if that is not enough, the unfortunate Pole is then set alight by a bloke who looks like Pavarotti in a hoodie. Come on, it's happened to us all at some time or other, hasn't it?

The Foreign Office has so far yet to reveal how many Polish immigrants have been set ablaze by operatic doppel-gangers, but I would venture to suggest it is fairly small.

Still, at least they didn't hire the Welsh bloke who pops up everywhere singing about car insurance. Now that would be unsuitable.

Perhaps it would be better used by the British Tourist Authority. You know, something along the lines of "Come to Britain, for a blazing time," or maybe "Where a warm welcome is guaranteed".

Or maybe it would be better to keep it simple: "The country where people will set you on fire."

It needs a bit of work, granted, but the potential is there.

AS the row rumbles on about whether a Hungarian act should really have won Britain's Got Talent, it seems that the bigger question about shadow dance act Attraction has been forgotten.

Are they really that good?

Yes, what they do is quite clever, and some of the messages they delivered fairly poignant. But is that really the finest emerging talent that this nation can muster?

Back in the 70s, as today, Britain's screens were packed with talent shows, *New Faces*, *Opportunity Knocks*, *Rising Stars*, these low-budget shows were a world away from the polished, multi-million pound productions such as *Britain's Got Talent*, *X Factor* and *The Voice*.

Yet these simple, ramshackle productions brought us the likes of Les Dawson, Frank Carson, Mary Hopkin, Lenny Henry, Joe Pasquale. Okay, maybe not Joe Pasquale, but you get the drift.

Can you really imagine people still raving over a group of Hungarian shadow dancers 30 or 40 years from now? Or Pudsey the Dancing Dog?

Or more to the point, the girl, whose name escapes me at the moment, who won *The Voice* last year?

Maybe what we need is a spot of rebranding, you know a new name. Something like *Britain Used To Have Talent*. That should do the trick.



Sue Higgs discusses training with Rupy Pandaal, service user and carer strategy co-ordinator



Clare Corness-Parr, left, head of adult nursing, and Ann Philp, head of recruitment retention and employability



Service user Hilary Jones receives training before joining the panel to interview potential nurses

How users help to select new nurses

Recruitment is changing.
MARISHA CYSEWSKI
reports on the University of
Wolverhampton's pioneers

WHEN Sue Higgs interviews potential nurses she looks for "kindness, a willingness to learn and above all compassion" and she should know the value of these qualities.

She is not a medical professional, but she is drawing on her first hand experience of the NHS to help select nursing students for the University of Wolverhampton, alongside tutors and nurses from clinical practice.

Mrs Higgs, of Penn, Wolverhampton, was a carer for her husband of 43 years, John, for six years after he suffered a brain haemorrhage which left him unable to look after himself.

He was a former teacher at Colton Hills Community School; he sadly died three and a half years ago.

Increase

She says: "Before John died we had some good and some not so good experiences with the NHS. I wanted to give something back for the positive experiences."

The university has 480 student nursing places, this year there has already been more than 3,700 applications.

The numbers applying to NHS-funded courses has increased considerably since the rise in tuition fees, so it is more competitive than ever to get a place.

Panel members will interview around 10 applicants a day, for courses starting in September and January.

Hilary Jones, aged 54, of Dudley, has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for 15 years, an incurable illness which left her housebound. She is receiving training to become a panel member in the School of Health and Wellbeing.



Students nurses Emma Simpson, left, and Naomi Perry helped by interviewers

She says: "It is uplifting to see the university's commitment to make the theory they teach a reality through involving us. Our opinions are respected and the university is dedicated to making the courses well rounded experiences."

"I think having service users involved in the course helps the students get a better understanding of what they are letting themselves in for."

The service users' judgements carry equal weighting to the views of the professionals and they are trained in areas such as equality and diversity to help their interview technique.

Head of Adult Nursing, Clare Corness-Parr, says: "The service users know what they want from nurses, they

are able to spot passion, enthusiasm and other personal qualities that make a good carer in the interviewees." Their role goes beyond the interview process to the lecture hall, where students are able to directly question them about the illnesses they suffer, in preparation for their training placements in hospitals in Burton, Walsall, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell.

Student nurse, Emma Simpson, of Coseley, aged 24, said: "I was interviewed by one of the service users."

"I found talking to him about his experiences really helped me to open up and show some of my qualities to the rest of the panel."

"Nurses are there for the patients, I think getting more feedback from them

is most beneficial for our development."

Rupy Pandaal is the service user and carer strategy co-ordinator and recruits the new panel members. He says: "The service users have a range of experiences, from life threatening illnesses to being carers."

"Some of them have had previous involvement with the university; others have heard through word of mouth and expressed their interest."

Around 50 service users are involved but there are plans to increase the number as the revised interview process is rolled out to more other fields of nurses including mental health, learning disability and children's nursing.

The Francis Report following the public inquiry into Mid Staffordshire has shaken the NHS's foundations as it described failings leading to appalling standards of care, since this service users are becoming more involved in health care education on a national level.

The university is one of the first educational establishments to involve service users in interviews, although this process began before the report was released.

Improve

The scheme was piloted last year when six service users took part in 18 interview dates, which showed they could make valuable recommendations.

The report aims to improve the standard of care for patients and has called for a selection of student nurses who have the right attitude and are able to put the welfare of others first.

The Francis Report made 290 recommendations to deliver better care, at the heart of this is the desire to put patients first and ensure that they are listened to.

Sue Higgs says: "Nursing my husband, John, was a hard time and big learning curve. I hope my experiences can help to benefit others."

"I do feel like my opinions are being listened to and valued on the panel and hope that the nurses we help to choose go on to make great carers and have successful careers."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

HUNDREDS of children were sent home after a strike by cleaners and dinner ladies began to bite in Dudley schools. More than 800 staff hit the picket lines after rumours circulated that their jobs were about to be handed over to private firms.

THE death of a big-hearted Wednesfield ice cream man left government treasury officials with a headache after he left a £50,000 fortune in the bank. Giuseppe Gholoni died aged 77 without having made a will, leaving officials with the task of trying to locate his heirs.

A WORKING men's club which opened its doors in 1895 closed them for the last time after losing a battle against rising costs and falling membership. The Walsall Working Men's Club in Palfrey was known as the "mother club" because it spawned many others.

1993...

KITCHEN staff at a Bilston school served up a treat for tennis fans to mark the start of Wimbledon fortnight. Workers at Moseley Park School dressed up as tennis players and served up dishes such as tennis ball quiche and Centre Court pizza.

A COUNCIL worker from Cradley Heath celebrated winning more than £20,000 on the football pools after his new lucky numbers came up trumps. Dudley Council worker Dave Wesson scooped the prize just a week after changing his numbers.

A WEDNESFIELD couple cried tears of joy after an emotional reunion with their two Filipino sons. Keith and Angelina Mitchell flew back to England with their children having not seen them for two years due to a red tape wrangle.

2003...

A HARRY Potter price war broke out across the Black Country after one store owner pledged to sell the new book at half price. Discount book store Works offered Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix for £8.99 at its branches in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Stafford.

YOUNGSTERS in Dudley formed their own football team as part of a community scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour. About 16 youths from the Priory Estate took part in regular coaching sessions run by former Wolves player Dale Rudge.

RUBBISH collection crews in Wolverhampton were called in to work on a Saturday to clear a backlog of unemptied wheelie bins. Hundreds of bins were missed during the first week of the council's new collection system.

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LETTERS

Plea to keep inspiring Hippodrome

IT saddens me that members of Dudley Council think demolishing the Hippodrome is the right thing to do. I fully support The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome in their fight to restore this building and urge the council to at least let them try.

Their business plan costs the taxpayer and council nothing – despite inaccurate reports of a need for an annual subsidy.

Dudley is crying out for a proper theatre. I have recently been inside the Hippodrome and it is breathtaking –

huge and inspiring and in a very good state of repair. To tear down this place would be a sin. Never will Dudley ever own such a magnificent theatre.

I like our zoo, adore the castle and appreciate the Black Country Living Museum, but for the life of me I cannot understand why the council does not have the vision to see that a high-quality night-time entertainment venue would pull in tourists to all our attractions. With a theatre people may even make a weekend of it in the Black Country.

The Friends want to make the Hippodrome a centre of excellence in education too – providing training in the arts for all ages.

What's not to like? What's not to support? It all fits in with the development of Castle Hill and provides a facility for locals – and some jobs too – not to mention the knock-on effect to local hotels and eateries.

Come on councillors! Give something back to us – 20,000 plus people signing the petition so far can't be wrong!

Joanna Roden, Dudley.

Growing number of police advisors

WITH police cutting back, and without the benefit of Superman, it now seems we have Wonder Bob, or as they say in Wales, Jones the Law.

After appointing a Deputy from his own Labour Party, he appointed a number of assistants. He now seeks to appoint not one Youth Commissioner but several since this hitherto unheard of position is too big for one person.

I wonder if Young Labour are about to have plucked from their midst, the next hangers-on. Maybe, Bob, you could have a few younger assistants. Kindergarten Cop springs to mind.

Before long we will have an unelected advisory committee to see if we have enough commissioners. This is getting ridiculous; we will soon have more would be commissioners than people.

Robert William White, Tompstone Road, Wigmere.

LETTERS

to the Editor

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Ofsted has failed to raise standards

OFSTED inspectors are not experts in education. They are purely and simply 'tickers of boxes', the boxes being provided by the relevant government department, currently led by that other non-education expert, Michael Gove.

To be an inspector you do not have to be a qualified and experienced teacher. Virtually anyone can take the short course needed. It can, however, turn out to be a nice little earner. The facility to operate a word/statement bank is very useful. This is the reason why all reports are churned out with similar jargon.

The goalposts set by the government are continually changing, so a school can go from outstanding to just satisfactory in subsequent inspections. From my experience these schools remain excellent despite Ofsted.

The system has not produced any improvements in standards in education whatsoever, in fact quite the contrary. Ofsted's main achievements have been to demoralise and humiliate an extremely hard working group of professionals.

Ian Marcus Dyer, supply teacher and author, The Broadway, Stourbridge.

Degrading process of trying to find a job

HAVING been employed since 1969, I am now unemployed, and trying to find a job is like looking for a Mayan civilisation in Tipton.

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Firm invests to keep its clients on the road

THE booming Halesowen-based commercial vehicle bodybuilder Bevan Group has made key changes to its management team and invested in a new, extended fleet of mobile workshops to serve its aftercare customers.

From a fleet of just six, the company will be operating 20 of the distinctive workshop vans by the end of this month, under the director of Bevan's aftercare manager Simon Dryburgh.

He has just been promoted to take over from Roy Shelton, who has become the company's first business development manager.

As well as Bevan's range of dry freight box, curbside and platform bodies, Roy is focused on selling temperature-controlled bodywork for rigid trucks.

Winning

This followed the company's announcement in January that it had entered a strategic partnership with specialist manufacturer Schmitz Cargobull.

He is managing several key accounts but is also charged with winning business from operators that have not previously used Bevan's services.

Simon, meanwhile, has taken up his new position at Bevan's headquarters in Amber Way, having spent nearly 10 years working as general manager for one of its main competitors.

He began his career 25 years ago as a technical apprentice with Metro Cammell, working on trains, and his CV includes a 13-year stint with another well-known commercial



Bevan's expanded fleet of mobile workshops will provide cover nationwide

vehicle bodybuilder. Alongside its manufacturing operations Bevan has forged a reputation for repair and maintenance services, operating a team of mobile technicians offering cover across Britain.

As well as maintaining and repairing truck and van bodies of all makes and types, they look after tail-lifts, cranes, shutter doors and other equipment.

Bevan's new Nissan service vans are racked out to carry the tools and equipment its mobile technicians need.

"By the end of July we'll have 20 new vans on the road," Simon said. "That's six more than we were running previously, and reflects rapidly growing demand for our aftercare services."

"Even operators who choose to buy their bodies from our competitors often rely on us to maintain them."

"I'm determined to build on the strong foundations in place to further improve our response times and parts availability."

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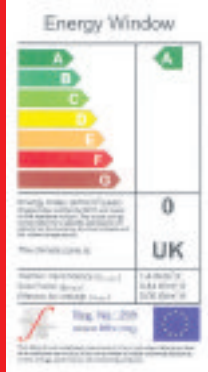
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NEWS

Police help get needy youngsters on the road



Project founder John Lane with PCSOs Omar Sharif and Faye Cartwright

TWO old police bicycles, at least 20 years old but never used, are being made good as new by a charity to help hard-up families.

The bikes were in storage collecting dust when Dudley Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Omar Sharif found them. He suggested giving them to City-Cycle.

Officers have also donated £500 from a fund raised by the sale of property seized in police investigations to help the Dudley-based organisation with its work to help young people learn new skills.

PCSO Sharif said: "Our maintenance man said the bikes, although never used, would need to be serviced, and that would cost more than they were worth."

Inquest told that tragic pedestrian was drunk

A MAN who was killed when he was hit by a car in a country lane, was more than three times over the drink drive limit for alcohol, an inquest heard.

Avtar Bening was seen staggering in and out of the bushes in the dark in Forge Lane, by another motorist before he was hit near Sandwell Valley Crematorium last July 29.

Mr Bening, 46 and unemployed, died from spinal and head injuries.

At an inquest at Smethwick Council House, driver Rayel Johnson described

the moment he hit Mr Bening, of Alexandra Avenue in Handsworth.

Mr Johnson, of Ada Road in Smethwick, said: "From nowhere this man appeared in front of the car. I never even saw him, I just felt the hit."

The inquest also heard from traffic collision investigator Pc Graham Harrison, who found that the offside dipped light beam on Mr Johnson's Ford Focus was not working.

But he said the light failure would not have made any difference. Mr Johnson would still not have had enough time to react before the collision. In a reconstruction of the crash,

Pc Harrison found the country lane to being 'as dark as it gets'.

He said a blood test showed there were 230 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood in Mr Bening's blood. The legal limit for driving is 80 milligrams.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain concluded Mr Bening died as a result of the crash. He said: "This highlights the danger to pedestrians - firstly of walking in the road in very dark clothing and secondly walking at night having drunk a lot of alcohol."

He added: "There is no reason for Mr Johnson to criticise himself."

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NEWS

Slimmers in extra large donation to charity shop

SLIMMERS who have shed the pounds are hoping to swell charity coffers - by clearing out their wardrobes.

Slimming World members meeting in Cradley Heath have shed a total of 134 stones since the start of the year.

They have had to buy new clothes to fit their slimmed-down shapes, and instead of throwing out their old outfits, they have donated them to charity.

Group member Glen Willetts, who juggles his time as a carer, helped take bags packed full of clothes to the Halesowen branch of Cancer Research UK, in the town's High Street.

The 53-year-old of Haden Road, Cradley Heath, once tipped the scales at 22st 7lb but slimmed down to 13st 10lb, earning him the title of the group's man of the year.

"I found it really liberating to get rid of all my old clothes, and I'm not worried about ever needing them again, because this is me now. There's no going back," he said.

Wonderful

"I'm much more active now. I walk regularly, and it's all just part of my new life, so much so that I sometimes forget I wasn't always like this.

"And it's wonderful to think that I've supported the other members of the group to achieve their own weight loss dreams at the same time."

Charity shop manager Jean Shaw said: "We welcome clothes in all shapes, sizes and styles and were thrilled to receive such a huge donation of clothing.

Kim Mills, who runs the group which meets at Cradley Heath Liberal Club every Thursday, says members were delighted to get behind the cause.

The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw is a nationwide fundraising drive that sees Slimming World members across the UK donating clothes to Cancer Research UK.



Glen Willetts hands over his old clothes to Margaret Ward, relief manager at Cancer Research UK in Halesowen High Street

MP backs work of male cancer charity

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is backing a campaign to fund research into forms of male cancer.

Mr Austin wore blue clothes for a day to show his support for Dudley charity Balls to Cancer. His team volunteered to take part after being

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Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

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Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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The event was opened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammad Nazir, and staff from the Walsall branch of Pure Gym provided a five-minute warm-up.

The event marked Diabetes Week, which aims to raise money for research, and £20 million has already been invested in research.

Tribute to a devoted father who died in horrific head-on crash

A TRIBUTE was paid to a keen motorcyclist and 'much-loved' father-of-four who died in a head-on crash on his way to work.

Michael Patton, known as Mick, was killed as he rode his Triumph Sprint 1000cc bike to work at Hartlebury trading estate, near Kidderminster.

Police say the 47-year-old was in Crown Lane, Waresley, when he was

involved in the crash with a Peugeot Expert van last week.

Mr Patton lived in Brinton Crescent, Kidderminster, but was originally from the Black Country.

His wife Ann, aged 54, said the pair had fallen in love within moments of meeting in December 2003 and tied the knot in Hawaii.

She said he was devoted to his four children Christopher, Lala, Sam and Thomas, from two previous relationships, and enjoyed many trips away

and holidays abroad. He would also be missed by his six siblings – Robert, Susan, Ann, Kathleen, David and Rita.

"Mick was a lovely, gentle man who was much loved by everyone who knew him," said Mrs Patton. "We had such a wonderful time together. I still can't believe he is gone."

The couple married in November 2005 and moved to Wyre Forest around eight years ago. Mr Patton, who previously lived in

Smethwick, had taken temporary work at Forest Garden, at the Hartlebury trading estate, in February.

Mrs Patton said her husband was a passionate motorcyclist and had completed an advanced motorcycle course.

West Mercia Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them to help with their investigation on 101, quoting incident number 52-S-1006131.



Michael Patton

College set to celebrate anniversary

WALSALL College celebrates its 60th birthday on Saturday.

A community open day will give people the chance to share their memories of college life.

The 1950s-themed event will run from 10am to 2pm and will include live entertainment, games, a bouncy castle and student exhibitions.

Former students will have the chance to record their memories of the college in a video diary room.

Work starts on club pitches



Project leaders Colin Worthington and Lynn Boleyn

WORK to turn 30 acres into a new home for the Kewford Eagles football club in Wall Heath, near Kingswinford, is under way.

Landmovers have been on site off Swinford Road, to start creating the £1.2m base for the 500 young players who train at the amateur club.

There will be 11 full-size football pitches, changing rooms, showers, toilets and car parking. It should all be ready for September 2014.

The land has been seeded – and club officials now have to wait for the grass to grow.

Lynn Boleyn and Colin Worthington, who are the project leaders and main fundraisers, say they are pleased with how the work has progressed.

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CLUB NEWS

Hamper prize just the ticket for raffle winner

Victorian genius is talk topic

WALL HEATH E TG

CHAIRMAN Pat Purcell, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guest for the evening, Joyce Major, federation committee member.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer Elaine Griffiths gave the financial statement for the month. Walks this month were led by Sheila Tromans to the Bluebell Woods at Saltwells and lunch was taken at the Stewart Crystal Cone cafe.

The craft group were still meeting making various projects.

Names were being taken for the federation lunch, which is to be held at the Mill, Alveley, on July 29.

The National Carol Service will be held in Coventry Cathedral on December 17.

Members held a stall at the Wall Heath Community Centre Spring Fayre on Saturday May 11.

A fashion show will be held on July 11 at the community centre.

The raffle was drawn and the winner was Pat Sutton who won a fruit and vegetable hamper.

The speaker Ned Williams then gave an interesting talk on Brierley Hill, and Pat Purcell gave the vote of thanks.

Wall Heath Guild meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.



Wolverhampton historian Ned Williams was guest speaker at the last meeting

BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY, KINGSWINFORD BRANCH

AT the meeting at St Mary's church hall on May 15, Ray Sturdy was the speaker. Brunel - A Victorian Genius talk was accompanied by superb slides.

Brunel's father, Mark, was a great engineer and inventor and had contracts with the Navy. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

His son, Isambard Kingdom Brunel was inspired and he too wanted to become an engineer and worked as the project manager for his father. From then on he worked on a great scale with his gigantic ships, new railways, bridges and tunnels. These works changed the way of life and many are still in use today.

It was a fascinating story and amazing to think what he achieved in his short life.

The chairman thanked Ray for his excellent talk and presentation.

Graham and Rosalie were thanked for providing coffee during the illness of Keith Jeavons.

The June 19 meeting at St Mary's Church Hall was to be the last one of the season. The AGM will be followed by the New Dimensional Experience Choir led by Mr John Quelch. To end the evening a buffet supper was taking place.

Tea and cakes for birthday

PENN TG

AT the May 8 birthday meeting, Mrs McInnes welcomed everyone and the usual business was completed.

The mandates for the AGM at Harrogate were debated. Townswomen's Guild supports a change in the law to allow terminally ill, mentally competent people to have a right to an assisted

death. Delegate Annie Woods will vote for the motion as most of the members agreed with the change.

Ian Bott was the speaker for the evening showing picture postcards from the Black Country. The evening

was rounded off with tea and cakes to celebrate the guild's birthday.

At Social Studies, Justin Harrison, a nurseryman, gave an enthusiastic talk on plants and shrubs, how to get the most from colours and foliage, what fertilisers to use, when to prune various plants and other tips.



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NEWS

Thousands hit by black-out

UP to 2,000 properties in Stourbridge and Lye were hit by a power cut last week.

Homes and businesses suffered the power loss at around 10.10am last Thursday.

Most of them had their power restored by noon the same day. Charlotte Buckley, who works at the Windsor Castle pub in Lye said their power was off for a total of 45 minutes.

She said: "It went off three times. It meant we couldn't do any work."

Western Power Distribution spokeswoman Stella Hayward said the power cut affected 2,000 properties. It is thought the problem was caused by a faulty cable.

Man jailed over robberies is ordered to pay back £9,000

A MAN who was jailed for 17 years for his part in a series of violent robberies in the Midlands has been ordered to pay £9,000 or face a further spell in prison.

Craig Reginald Clarke, formerly of Fareham Road, Birmingham, and four other men, were sentenced at Worcester Crown Court in December 2011.

The gang had plotted a series of robberies, the first in North Worcester-

shire at Barnt Green in April 2010 where several men tied up the occupants before escaping with firearms worth more than £100,000.

Further violent raids were carried out at Solihull in May 2010 and a week later in Lichfield. Cars, cash, jewellery and valuable pottery were among items stolen.

The judge, in sentencing Clarke and the others, said it was 'professional criminality of the utmost seriousness

with terror inflicted on the victims'. Clarke admitted conspiracy to commit three robberies at homes in Barnt Green, at Hampton Lane, Solihull, and Raikes Lane, Lichfield.

West Mercia Police, who led the investigation into the robberies, has now successfully applied for a confiscation order against Clarke for known assets of £9,000.

He reappeared at Worcester Crown Court and was given six months to pay or face a further five months imprisonment.

Mr Pat Kelly, from the West Mercia Police Economic Crime Unit, said: "It was found Clarke had benefited from the crimes to the value of £45,000 and was ordered to pay back £9,000 representing one-fifth of the total outstanding. Others in the gang have faced similar orders. The rest of the stolen property was recovered by the police."

"We will always seek to recover criminals' assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act."

Centre offering tattoo removal

ONE of the region's hospitals is now offering a private body hair and tattoo removal service.

People can now pay privately to use the Birmingham Regional Skin Laser Centre, which is based at the Birmingham Skin Centre at City Hospital.

The unit at the hospital, run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust, is now able to offer private laser hair removal, and tattoo removal treatment to people from across the Midlands.

Experts at the centre say that with laser treatment, hair growth becomes progressively slower, finer and lighter, with a possible reduction in hair growth of up to 70 per cent.

Band living the Bon Jovi dream



Of Kings and Captains are, left to right, Kieran Lock, Joshua Lomas, Dean Greatbatch and Luke Wassell

THEY grew up within miles of each other, playing gigs at their favourite pub, gathering a firm following from a few devoted fans.

But now they are on the biggest gig of their lives - rocking out stadiums with Bon Jovi.

Black Country band Of Kings and Captains have sealed a prestigious support slot with the rock heavyweights for five dates during their UK tour.

The four-piece band, all aged 23, live around Quarry Bank, Dudley and Blackheath. They played their first night at the Eithad Stadium, home of Manchester City, and then took to the stage in front of thousands of fans at Villa Park.

Frontman Luke Wassell, started the group with school mate Kieran Lock, and Luke's cousin Dean Greatbatch joined to play

bass and their guitarist friend Josh Lomas completed the band.

All have day jobs. Luke works for a technology management company, Kieran works for an aerospace group at its Netherton factory, Dean is a programmer and setter and Josh works at a department store.

But for the next few weeks they are rock stars.

Kieran said: "We can't believe it. It is a dream for us."

The band got the slot when radio listeners voted for them in a competition.

The bandmates gathered at their favourite pub, Katie Fitzgerald's, in Wollaston, Stourbridge, where they have played several gigs, to await for the result live on air.

And when it came, Luke said the packed pub went wild.

Railway parking boost welcomed

RAIL campaigners have welcomed plans to create an extra 175 parking spaces at Stourbridge Junction railway station.

It is part of a £1.3 million project announced by Centro to expand the park and ride service.

Members of Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG) said the car park extension would help to meet demand from commuters.

Chairman Rob Hebron said: "I am delighted that years of lobbying have produced a positive effect."

"This will bring the total capacity to almost 1,000. I cannot overstate how fortunate

we are in having free car parking at key stations and it is a major factor in raising demand for train services."

There are now 780 spaces at Stourbridge Junction - 381 on the main site by the station buildings and 401 spaces on an overflow car park off Brook Road.

But there is a large demand for the spaces with the car parks often full to capacity by the end of the morning rush hour. Nearby roads also become clogged with cars left by commuters.

Stourbridge MP Margot James has also welcomed the revamp work which is due to start in summer 2014.

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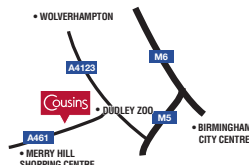
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THE WAY I SEE IT

Not all MPs are out of touch with their constituents' needs

I'm really shocked at the news of MPs taking money from businesses to use their influence and lobby ministers.

I think being an MP should be a full-time job. The idea that MPs need to take on directorships or consultancies to keep in touch with life outside Parliament is nonsense.

I meet businesses in Dudley all the time to see what I can do to help, but I would never dream of taking money from them.

I don't need an outside job to know that people in Dudley are finding it harder to make ends meet, that we've got record numbers of people out of work.

Lots of people say all politicians are the same, are out of touch, or that voting doesn't make a difference. But I knock on doors every week listening to local people and asking for their views.

I want people to know that I'm local and in touch, working hard to help them.

I believe a local MP can change things for the better. I grew up here and sending someone to Parliament to represent their home town is a huge privilege and I work so hard to keep in touch with local people to repay the trust they have placed in me.

Town centre

ONE of the things that people raise with me all the time is the state of the town centre.

Like everyone else who grew up in Dudley, I can



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"I don't need an outside job to know that people in Dudley are finding it harder to make ends meet."

remember the town's better days. I think breathing life back into the high street and encouraging new shops and businesses should be one of our top priorities.

I used to spend my Saturdays wandering from Graduate Records to Beatties or meeting friends at the Littlewoods cafe. I had my first job in McDonalds in the High Street and I remember staring in wonder at the Churchill memorial when it had pride of place in the town centre.

I refuse to believe our best days are behind us, and with the new college buildings opening, plans for a big new supermarket and the development of Castle Gate and the market, there are reasons to be optimistic.

But I'm worried that Government changes to the

planning laws could result in yet more payday loan shops and takeaways. At the end of last month the Government quietly brought into force the Town and Country Planning Order and the effects could be far-reaching.

The rule change means that a number of different types of businesses will no longer have to apply for planning permission for a change of use.

We could see a butchers become a payday lender without permission, or a local pub turned into a fast-food takeaway. I think that's the last thing we need.

Instead, we should be giving local people much more of a say about what's happening on the high street.

I've been saying for a long time that the Government

needed a new strategy to encourage businesses to open up and bring with them jobs and growth for the local economy. But more legal loan sharks and takeaways wasn't what I had in mind.

We've got a fantastic history and we should be making much more of it. We've got the Black Country Museum, the Wrens Nest nature reserve, Priory Park, and we were the birthplace of the industrial revolution.

We should be using the castle to put on concerts and plays throughout the summer to attract thousands of visitors to the town. There are nearly one million people who live within a 40-minute drive of Dudley, and rebranding the town around tourism, culture and the arts could boost trade, create jobs and transform the town.

George Davies

I WAS at St Chad's on Tuesday for the funeral of Councillor George Davies.

George was a friend of mine for almost 25 years. We served as councillors together and I learnt a huge amount from him. He was passionate about his work as a councillor and deeply committed to improving things for people in Coseley and Dudley. He was a man of great courage who soldiered on to represent people in Coseley despite his illnesses.

As a person, he was warm, witty and shrewd. A really nice, decent man. He'll be missed by his many friends and colleagues and my thoughts are with Joyce, Miles, Karen and Sally-Anne and their families.



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Keep thieves locked out, say police

WEST MERCIA police are urging people to keep doors and windows locked as the weather improves.

Inspector Pete Funnell, Harm Reduction Inspector for the force said: "Always lock your doors if you go outside, even for a few moments, and close downstairs windows if you are not staying in the same room." The police want householders to adopt simple crime prevention measures.

Insp Funnell said: "It is important to make sure that your house is secure at all times, whether you are inside, or in the garden."

Terminally ill man, 56, used fake Bulgarian licence to ride motorbike

A TERMINALLY ILL man used a fake Bulgarian driving licence to try to spend the summer riding a motorbike, a court heard.

Leonard Hawthorne had a full UK driving licence but wanted to use a motorbike, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He had had the fake licence for some time and attempted to use it to get permission to ride a motorbike included on his UK licence.

The 56-year-old, of Dudley, has prostate cancer, the court heard. He had not been in trouble before the age of 52 when he was given a six-year prison term.

The court heard Hawthorne was locked

up for rioting near Birmingham Airport while being involved with a motorcycle gang.

Prosecutor Mark Phillips said: "Since being released from prison he said he was terminally ill and wanted to spend the summer driving a motorbike."

"The defendant, although in possession of a full driving licence, was not entitled to drive a motorbike. In order to get that permission he submitted a Bulgarian driving licence, which was fake."

"He wished to get that endorsed on his UK licence without taking a test."

Hawthorne was arrested on April 20 and later pleaded guilty to possession of identity

documents with intent. His defence solicitor Andrew Wallace admitted the offence 'was not a particularly bright thing to do'.

Mr Wallace added that the licence was never used or produced, because it was never obtained.

"It must have looked odd having the name Leonard Hawthorne on a Bulgarian licence," he said.

Medical

"It would have stuck out like a sore thumb and was not a particularly bright thing to do."

"The problem is he is on licence for a very serious matter of riot."

"But he's not the same man I knew a few

years ago - he's polite, well-spoken and easy to talk to."

The court was told that Hawthorne had prostate cancer and other medical problems. He was given a 12-month community order and told to pay £250 in costs.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

In sentencing Hawthorne, Judge Helen Hughes said she was impressed by what was said about him in his pre-sentence report and that his actions had not placed anyone in danger.

She added: "This was an offence committed without thinking things through on your part."

Concert to honour of poet Alfie

A SPECIAL concert is being held in memory of Black Country poet and entertainer, Alfie Smith.

The Public in West Bromwich will host the event on June 21.

It will feature performances from his friends and fellow entertainers including poets and musicians.

Mr Smith performed his poetry across the region. He died in March, aged 71. A plaque in his memory will be unveiled outside The Public before the concert, which is free.

Details on 0121 533 7161.

Glasses raised to canal beer festival



June Hodgetts with Ian Davies, of Kinver Brewery, and Martin Wilkins, of Black Country Ales

ORGANISERS are preparing for their first real ale festival at the Dudley canal tunnels this month.

More than 30 beers will be on offer at the Dudley Canal Trust event, which runs for three days from June 27, at Todd's End, off Birmingham New Road.

Money raised from the event will boost trust coffers, with plans in the pipeline to build a £3 million education and exhibition centre at the attraction.

Dudley Canal Trust general manager June Hodgetts said: "This is in part a fundraising event, but also it is real ale lovers putting on a festival for like-minded people."

Exhibition

The event runs 6pm to 11pm on June 27 and from 11am to 11pm on the following days. There will be around 30 ales available, and ciders and some English wines as well as soft drinks. Hot and cold food will be available.

Plans for the £3m education, exhibition and heritage centre were unveiled last October. It will outline the Black Country's industrial past and a lift will enable people to get to and from the towpath and visitor embarkation wharf.

The first visitors could be welcomed in summer 2014.

Crowds flock to festival

A FESTIVAL celebrating an historic strike by women chainmakers in Cradley Heath attracted more than 1,000 people.

The ninth Women Chainmakers' festival at Bearmore Mound in Bearmore Park, featured archery, stalls, martial arts demonstrations and live music.

It was organised by the Trades Union Congress and Sandwell Council and was attended by Sylvia Heal, former MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis.

Used car is firm to move

A USED car business that has been in Tipton for 42 years is to move to Sterling Park, Brierley Hill.

The current site of Oak Garage in Gospel Oak Road will be demolished for a new housing development.

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MEMORY LANE



Workers with the Silver Bullet at Sunbeam Motors Works prepare it for shipment to the United States



Sunbeam staff proudly posing with the Silver Bullet in February 1930 – immediately before they started packing it up

Silver Bullet missed its target

IT WAS sleek. It was shiny. And it was very fast. But not, as it turned out, nearly fast enough.

The Silver Bullet was the pride of the workforce who created her, a powerful 4,000 horsepower beast engineered and crafted with one aim in mind – to set a new land speed record. It really looked the business as this mechanical marvel was unveiled to the public for the first time on February 21, 1930.

For the avoidance of doubt about where the credit might lie, the words "Designed & Built by the Sunbeam Motor Car Co. Ltd, Wolverhampton, England," were emblazoned on the side. On the nose were two crossed flags – the Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack, reflecting the fact that this was a British record attempt which would take place in the United States.

According to the internet, photos of the Silver Bullet are rare. But the *Chronicle's* sister paper, the *Express & Star*, has rediscovered a clutch of original prints in its archives, some of which may not have been seen for more than 80 years – if ever. The pictures also capture the process of readying the Silver Bullet for its long journey to Daytona Beach in Florida.

Star turn at the unveiling was Kaye Don, the intrepid driver who would be taking to the cockpit in an attempt to recapture the land speed record for Sunbeam. Sir

by Tim Walters

Henry Segrave had reached 231mph in 1929 – breaking the 1927 record of 203mph set by the Sunbeam 1000HP, nicknamed The Slug. The Silver Bullet travelled in a specially constructed reinforced case measuring 31ft by 7ft by 6ft, and weighing about three tons which, with the 4.5 tons of the car, took the total weight over seven tons.

The packing kept a party of eight or 10 men fully occupied for about three hours on the evening of Saturday, February 22. Loading the crate on to a 12-ton, six wheeled lorry to take it to Southampton, took a further hour or so on the Sunday.

Problems

The Silver Bullet finally left the works on the Monday, to be shipped to New York during that week on the liner Berengaria, together with Kaye Don and a team of picked mechanics from the Sunbeam experimental and racing department.

Arriving in mid-March at Daytona Beach, all was ready to bring home the glory to Wolverhampton, where the town was closely following the record bid.

Immediately there were a host of problems. There was trouble with the car's supercharger. The beach also proved to be very bumpy and Don was seen being bounced and bobbed about in the cockpit 'like a jack-in-

a-box'. And the weather was bad. On three early runs, Don only made 101mph. He needed to be able to double that – and more. There were rumours about friction developing in the camp, and of a conference between Don and the designer, Mr Louis Coatalen 'during which both parties displayed some heat'.

On March 21, Don said: "The weather conditions have been awful. It has rained practically every day I have been here. It seems that conditions have been all against us, but I am still more than hopeful. Believe me, I am going to break that record. The Silver Bullet is everything I could ask for. The sands have been the trouble."

Gamely they battled on, making adjustments, tackling technical snags, but not able to do anything about the beach conditions, which were so bad that Don was in danger of being pitched out of the cockpit.

On April 10, it was all over. After a series of runs, Kaye Don abandoned his attempt. In a first trial run, the car bounced perilously as it passed over sand ridges, but reached 182.741mph over the measured mile.

A few changes, and a second run, down to 155.44mph. Further supercharger adjustments. This time, the Silver Bullet reached just 108mph. The game was up.

And the Silver Bullet? It was not destined to end up shiny and polished in a museum or motoring display. It was sold on and eventually scrapped.



Kaye Don failed in his attempt to set a new land speed record



Sleek – the stylish Silver Bullet after it was unveiled to the public

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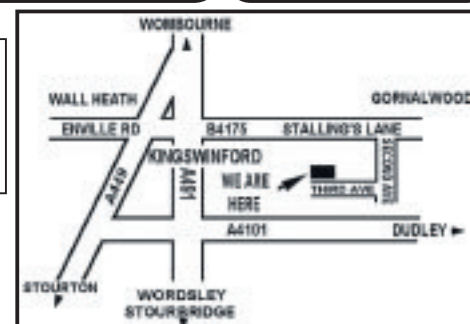
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NEWS

Go-ahead for plans to relocate gas tanks

CONTROVERSIAL plans to relocate potentially explosive gas tanks from Carvers in Wolverhampton to South Staffordshire have been given the green light by the council – paving the way for redevelopment to take place in the city centre.

The move now means the transformation of the city's canalside can go ahead. The work has been at deadlock up until now while the gas tanks were being stored at the building supply firm's Littles Lane site.

The liquid petroleum gas tanks have been stored legally for many years but plans to build a fourth block of the £40 million Victoria Hall student village cannot proceed while they are there because the site falls within a blast zone

around the tanks. The development of the landmark Springfield Brewery site has also been put on hold while the situation is resolved.

South Staffordshire District Council gave the go-ahead at a planning meeting for Carvers to store their tanks at Gravelly Way in the Four Ashes area. The proposals had led to some objections, including from SI Group chemical works. The company said it had submitted outline proposals for its 900,000 sq ft site that had the potential to create 1,000 jobs.

But representatives told the meeting that parts of their site fell within the blast zone from the gas tanks and would jeopardise any potential investments in the site.



Helping women to network – Chontell Buchanan from First City, Alex-Jayne Lowe from George Green and Elizabeth Flowith, of Midlands Women in Property

Helping women to build for future

AN organisation helping female professionals network and develop their careers has held its first ever event in the Black Country.

The Midlands branch of the Association of Women in Property met at the offices of First City, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton. The group's organisers hope to help increase the proportion of women working in property and construction, which is around 15 per cent currently.

Alex-Jayne Lowe who helped organise the event said the association regularly visited schools to tell girls about career opportunities, encourages girls to attend university through its national student awards and pairs mentors with people working in the industry.

Universities hit by cuts to overseas students

A CRACKDOWN on the number of students coming to Britain from overseas is losing the Black Country £5 million to £10m a year, an MP and university chief have said.

Adrian Bailey said immigration rules governing the rights of students to be in Britain meant that 500 fewer students a year were coming to the University of Wolverhampton from India and Sri Lanka than it could accommodate.

Foreign students pay around £10,000 a year for their education and also spend money with shops, businesses and landlords while they are here, Mr Bailey told a group of MPs during a debate he organised in the House of Commons.

It comes as the government wants to curb the number of visas issued to people who claim to be coming to study but are actually using their student status as a back door to Britain.

Opportunity
The number of students who are entering Britain from overseas has fallen by around 40,000 last year.

Mr Bailey, MP for West Bromwich West, said: "Universities are struggling for finance. They recognise that in these hard times they cannot be exempt."

Survey
They have also said around 35 people have come forward to express an interest in living in one of the homes. However, residents say the scheme would mean properties would be built in the green belt.

Resident Rob Lines told the meeting that residents had formed an action group to oppose the development as it was felt that the council 'was not supporting the views of the majority of the village'. He also queried a survey carried out to assess the housing need in the village, saying it was flawed.

Councillors are to seek legal advice to see whether a ballot can be held over the plans.

Summer fun ahead in line-up of free gigs

A SUMMER of free music has been announced as venues in the West Midlands get set to host a series of gigs.

A total of 330 free 'big gigs' will be held across England, under Government plans recently announced.

Venues including Baggeridge Country Park, in Sedgley; Walsall Arboretum and Deansfield Community School in Wolverhampton are all due to take part.

The concerts are free and aim to encourage people to listen to home-grown talent and continue the community spirit left behind by the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee.

Deansfield Community School, in Deans Road, Wolverhampton, is getting involved with a visit from Zip Theatre Group on July 11 from 4pm to 6pm, where people will get to try their hand at a musical instrument.

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NEWS

Fans are urged to support match

CRICKET fans are being urged to pitch in and support the Mayor of Dudley's charities at an annual match.

A team of Dudley Council officers will be taking on a team of members in a 20-over a side match for the Mayor of Dudley's charities. The teams will go head to head at Stourbridge Cricket Club on June 28 at 6pm.

All proceeds will go to White House Cancer Support, Dudley, and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "It will be great entertainment and hopefully we can raise some much needed money for two very worthwhile causes. I hope to see lots of people there on the night cheering the teams on."

The event will include a raffle with top prizes up for grabs as part of the fundraiser.

The council set up Team DB last year, which encourages council officers to join together to raise money for the Mayor's charities in a range of sporting events.

Rubbish blaze

RUBBISH caught fire in an empty Stourbridge factory on Sunday, prompting 24 calls to West Midlands Fire Service. The blaze was at the derelict Cox Hire building on Birmingham Street.

Campaigners win battle to keep town centre loos

CAMPAIGNERS have won a fight to have public toilets reopened in Netherton after councillors agreed to a £7,000 revamp project.

Traders had called for the toilet block, in Halesowen Road, to be opened again saying they were much-needed and improved the experience for shoppers.

Eight toilet blocks were closed in Dudley borough, including Netherton, two years ago. It came as part of a bid to find £150,000 annual savings by council officers. The council said they were outdated, under-used and some had also been targeted by vandals.

But the move was unpopular with communities including Netherton where people have campaigned for the facilities to be reopened. Last week it was announced the Netherton toilets would reopen this summer following refurbishment.

Promised

Ward councillors Qadar Zada and Tracy Wood have worked alongside community campaigners to lead the fight to reinstate the only public toilets in the town.

The decision was being formalised at the Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews community forum by committee chairman Councillor Zada.

Councillor Zada said: "We promised that we would reinstate the toilets and I am delighted that we have delivered on our promise."

"I'd like to thank the local residents and businesses for their patience and support." The cash for reinstating the toilets will go through cabinet on June 20.

Toilet blocks remain closed in Flood Street, Dudley; Castle Street, Coseley; Bank Road, Lower Gornal; Lawnswood Road, Wordsley; The Cross, Kingswinford; Envile Road, Wall Heath and Cottage Street, Brierley Hill. But residents have appealed to reopen the facilities.



Councillors Tracy Wood, centre, and Qadar Zada, right, with residents who won their campaign to reopen the toilets

Fairy tale fun is on offer at libraries

DUDLEY borough libraries will be celebrating National Bookstart week with a theme of traditional fairy tales.

The campaign, which runs for a week from June 24 offers free books to all children before they start school.

Children and families will be dressing up as characters such as Cinderella and Puss in Boots and enjoying fairy stories at all Dudley Council libraries' Rattle and Rhyme and story time sessions.

Library staff will be attending Merry Hill's Mummy Morning on June 25.

There will also be a special bedtime story session at Kingswinford Library on the same day from 5.30-6.30pm.

On June 27, storyteller Sally Tonge will entertain at Stourbridge Library from 9.30-10.30am, Brierley Hill Library from 11.15am-12.15pm and Sedgley Library from 1.30-2.30pm.

At Himley under-fives fun day on June 28, staff will give out a free copy of The Ugly Duckling.

Hotel ceremony

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NEWS**Bike ride invitation is to get people fit**

PEOPLE in Dudley are being encouraged to get on their bike as part of a national campaign.

Residents are being urged to join one of 25 rides being put on by the borough's council in partnership with British Cycling.

The rides run from Sunday and range from easy to challenging. Each is led by a guide and has about 30 places.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "The programme with its friendly, experienced ride leaders is a great way to get out, get fit and explore our beautiful borough."

"Dudley borough already has a keen and growing cycling population with groups and clubs cycling regularly as well as individual cyclists."

"We hope that this programme will appeal to everyone and promote cycling as a whole."

To see the rides available, visit the website

www.goskyride.com/Dudley

Repairs made to traffic lights

FAULTY traffic lights at the Burnt Tree junction which caused major rush hour queues have been repaired. The junction was a roundabout until it was redesigned and traffic lights installed to ease congestion.



Trinity Property directors Paul Westwood, Nic Burrows and Eric Morse-Brown with the Hawbush FC team

Firm tackles kit problem facing young footballers**A PROPERTY company has saved aspiring footballers at a Brierley Hill housing estate from an embarrassing identity crisis.**

As part of the Hawbush Project – a social help enterprise run by Ambleside Christian Centre in Brettell Lane – a team was formed, but the players had no strip.

When church members and property company directors Eric Morse-Brown, Nic Burrows and Paul Westwood heard of the dilemma, they stepped in to help, providing sponsorship with 24 strips for the team.

Mr Morse-Brown, who is based at Trinity Property in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, said: "It's great to be able to help these lads get kitted out."

Simon Ashby, Hawbush Project director, added: "When we began on the estate a decade ago we had a group of nine and 10-year-olds who played football with us."

"We used to joke that one day they'd be a proper adult team, play in a league and win trophies."

"In 2012 the same lads came to us and asked if we could form an adult side, and here we are today – with a group of 24 16 to 25-year-olds as Hawbush FC preparing for the kick-off

in the third division of the West Midlands Christian Football League."

He added the Hawbush area was hugely deprived, with such issues as family breakdowns, substance abuse and anti-social behaviour.

The estate is also in the bottom 1.3 per cent of the country for its education and in the bottom 10 per cent for deprivation.

"Football plays a massive role in helping to address issues on the estate. It provides a weekly focal point where we can encourage these guys to be socially responsible and find out how best we can meet their needs," added Simon.

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Prestigious award won by Baggies' chef

WEST Bromwich Albion's executive chef Michael Bullard has picked up a top accolade at the Craft Guild of Chefs Awards.

The 28-year-old won the banqueting and event chef award in the company of former CGoC recipients Brian Turner, Albert Roux, Marco Pierre White, Raymond Blanc, Pierre Koffmann and James Martin in the ceremony on Monday in London.

The ceremony, which took place at Mayfair's Grosvenor Hotel, honours the country's culinary experts in 16 different categories.

Michael said: "It's great to have received such a prestigious award."

1,100 sign protest petition to save threatened TA unit

MORE than 1,100 people have now signed a petition rallying against plans to save a threatened Territorial Army regiment, which has a base in Dudley.

Defence ministers are considering proposals to split up The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry.

The regiment, which has a squadron base in Vicar Street, Dudley,

Report by Heather Large

could be split up to allow for the creation of a Scottish Yeomanry.

But campaigners battling to save the regiment argue that Dudley's A Squadron – the only remaining TA Royal Armoured Corps Squadron to be based in the West Midlands – plays a vital role.

They say the move would be a blow

to the town which holds the regiment in high regard.

Soldiers from the regiment were last year bestowed with the honour of the Freedom of the Borough of Dudley.

A petition against the axing of the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry has been set up by soldier's wife Hannah Bragg.

It has attracted more than 1,130 signatures.

Mother-of-three Mrs Bragg, whose

husband Major Tom Bragg leads A Squadron, has taken up the fight to petition Government ministers in Whitehall.

Mrs Bragg, aged 38, who lives in Buckinghamshire, said it would be a 'tragedy' if the regiment was disbanded.

The petition is available for people to sign at direct.gov.uk/petitions/49480expressandstar.co.uk

Wedding advice is available at landmark hall

COUPLES looking to tie the knot can plan their special day at the historic Himley Hall and Park near Dudley with two open evenings next month.

Dudley Council is throwing open the doors of the landmark house on July 2 and 3 between 6pm and 9pm.

Couples will be able to tour the grand rooms at Himley Hall, which will be dressed as it is for wedding days, and take in the views of the gardens.

Himley Hall's wedding co-ordinators and catering team will be on hand to discuss how weddings can be tailored to the couple's needs.

For details call 01384 817817.

Superheroes turn out for charities



Fundraisers, including at the front, Cathy Elwell as Batgirl and John Cumiskey as Captain America

CAPTAIN America, Superman, Batgirl and Lara Croft turned heads as they took part in a charity walk.

Fundraisers from Wombourne Funeral Directors dressed up for the eight-mile trek around Himley, helping to raise around £1,000. Stopping off at pubs, shops and a church fair, the staff shook their buckets and donations came flying in.

The money will go toward the company's annual fundraising pot, which will be split between Midland Air Ambulance and young adults' charity High Fliers.

John Cumiskey – Captain America – said the event was a huge success, and added: "After many different charity fundraisers in recent years we looked to do something eye-catching. The superheroes walk seemed brilliant and it worked very well. Not only did we have lots of fun, but people seemed to enjoy seeing us as well."

The route started at the Dudley Arms pub in Himley before going through Himley Park, stopping at Baggeridge Cafe, the Red Lion in Wombourne and then heading back through the park to the pub.

Partnership launched to offer care choices

A PARTNERSHIP has been set up in Dudley to offer residents more information, choice and control over care choices and options.

Dudley Council is working with independent organisation Safe and Settled. They will offer an advice and support service for people who need care but are not considered to have high priority needs. They will also help people who are paying for their own care or who wish to make their own arrangements.

Councillor Dave Branwood, cabinet member for adult and community services said: "We want to help residents make the right care choices, helping them to retain control over their own lives."

For advice, information or support with social care, contact Dudley Council's access team on 0300 555 0055



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What's On! Dudley

REVIEW

Buddy Holly
– A Legend Reborn
Grand Theatre

WELL he certainly looked the part, although the legs were doing a lot of shaking even for a Buddy Holly tribute, but the voice was just not quite right.

Billed as the UK's No 1 Buddy Holly, Marc Robinson, a winner from ITV's Stars in Their Eyes, was certainly a good performer and kept the packed Grand Theatre amused with his banter.

Unfortunately the voice did not quite match that of the iconic Buddy, although the memorable songs were all there – Peggy Sue, That'll be the Day and Heartbeat, to name but a few.

Strong

The band, The Counterfeit Crickets were very accomplished but the star was definitely lead guitarist, Adrian McKenna, who could certainly play and had a very good voice as well.

For sheer entertainment value it was the, now 77-year-old, rock 'n' roll icon Jess Conrad who starred with the audience as he recalled happy days at the Grand many years ago but his voice was a bit shaky.

Annie Scott as Connie Francis gave a very strong performance with Stupid Cupid and Who's Sorry Now.

The show was well received but despite calls for an encore the performers did not come back on, shame as I think some fans were hoping for a few dance numbers at the end.

SUE ATTWATER

Disastrous farce is really a clever comedy success

WEST End farce Noises Off has hit the road, just like the bickering, accident-prone theatre company portrayed in this revival of Michael Frayne's backstage comedy, being staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Not just any old Irons at film concert

BRITISH star of stage and screen Jeremy Irons will be film critic Mark Kermode's special guest when the bequipped movie expert holds his 50th birthday concert in Birmingham next month.

Academy Award-winner Irons will share anecdotes with Kermode during the event on July 9 at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, during a programme of film music performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Music will range from Mary Poppins to The Exorcist, conducted by Robert Ziegler. Tickets start from £12.50 to £40. Call 0121 780 4949.

Noises Off was the most successful show ever staged by London's acclaimed Old Vic.

The show is a farce-within-a-farce about a travelling troupe's attempt to stage an appallingly unfunny farce which turns into a catalogue of disasters and backstage squabbles.

Chaotic

It is done in three acts, starting with last-minute rehearsals, then a backstage view of the action and the final chaotic performance of Nothing On. If you liked One Man Two Guvnors, this will be worth catching at the Alex between Monday and Saturday.

In another play within a play, a stage murder turns real in Murder In Play, starting the Summer Rep season at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to Saturday. Before that O'Beaches' hit Grandpa in my Pocket will be live at the Grand until this Saturday, June 22.



It's still rock and roll to him – American hitmaker Billy Joel is coming to the LG Arena

The Piano Man back in action

BILLY Joel will return to the UK for the first time in seven years to perform in late autumn – including a gig at Birmingham LG Arena on November 8, one of only three UK concerts.

Having sold more than 150 million albums worldwide since his 1973 breakthrough Piano Man, Joel is one of the most popular entertainers in the world.

His hits include Only The Good Die Young, Just The Way You Are, My Life, It's Still Rock and Roll To Me, Uptown Girl, The River of Dreams and An Innocent Man.

The six-time Grammy Award winner has also earned numerous awards and honours including induction into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets start at £60.50. 0844 338 8000.

REVIEW

Lisa Stansfield,
Symphony Hall

A NORTHERN soul DJ acted as the support act for the return of Rochdale soul singer Lisa Stansfield, and the vintage sounds actually pointed the way forward for the 1980s hit-maker.

Two of the new songs unveiled by the elegant 47-year-old were big ballads in an old time soul style, prompting standing ovations and proving Adele isn't the only belter around.

Lower

Having said that, closing the proper set was a fiery new dancefloor number Can't Dance that fit in well with the smooth '80s hits that the fans mainly wanted to hear.

They were not disappointed. Stansfield's voice is a little lower and she sometimes seemed distracted, flicking at her ponytail, but she delivered the hits – including Someday, All Woman and inevitable encore All Around The World with power and passion.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

US soul legend due at Robin

AMERICAN soul legend Ben E King has announced a gig in Bilston.

The 74-year-old singer from New Jersey will appear with Jimmy James and the Vagabonds at the Robin 2 club on September 8.

Ben E King's solo hits include the classic Stand by Me. He also had a string of hits with The Drifters.

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Those interested in history will be intrigued by the visit to Zululand, passing through Swaziland en route, to reach the haunting battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. In 1879 these two battles, just a day apart, became a defining moment for the British Empire and the specialist Zulu guide will make those desperate encounters come alive.

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Some of the other included tours are to the 600 foot granite tower called Sigiriya, or the Lion Rock, known for its ancient murals of 'cloud maidens'; to Kandy, Sri Lanka's last Royal capital; to the amazing cave temples of Dambulla, a UN World Heritage site; and to a well-known tea estate and spice garden, staying at the four-star Grand Hotel, originally the summer home of one of the Governors of Ceylon.

For a different sort of experience, two nights are reserved at the Safari Hotel, which has a pool, bar and restaurant overlooking the Tiffa Lake. Just 45 minutes from the Yala National Park this is the base for an early morning start to the jeep safari in the hope of seeing leopard, elephants, saltwater crocodiles, wild boar, sloth bears, monitor lizards and a huge variety of birdlife. The three-star superior Palms Hotel in the beach resort of Beruwela is the final port of call, allowing for two days of rest and relaxation before the journey home.



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What's On!

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CHOICE



Michael Buble

The Voice UK: The Live Final
BBC1, 7.15pm
Following six weeks of blind auditions, three battle shows, two knockout rounds and two live programmes, there are now four players left in the game. There's also that recording contract at stake, and the chance to follow 2012 runner-up Bo Bruce into the Top 100 album charts. Here the 2013 hopefuls will perform a solo number, then duet with their coaches. After which, the act with the fewest votes leaves the competition. Plus, there will be a performance by Canadian crooner Michael Buble.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Athletics.

6.05 BBC News. Regional News; Weather.

6.20 **Pointless Celebrities.** Soap special, with Laila Morse, Anna Karen, Verity Rushworth, Adele Silva, Sue Jenkins, Alex Fletcher, Wendy Peters and Rula Lenska. (R)

7.15 **The Voice UK: The Live Final.** The four remaining contestants perform a solo number and then duet with their coaches before The Voice 2013 is announced. Plus, a performance by Michael Buble. Last in the series.

9.20 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** The all-important winning numbers are revealed.

9.30 **Casualty.** Fletch heads out in the ambulance with Dixie and Jeff for the day, but has a run-in with a gang of teenagers threatening a man as he covers in his flat.

10.20 BBC News. Weather.

10.40 **Match of the Day.** Italy v Brazil and Japan v Mexico.

Highlights of the final Confederations Cup Group A matches, held in Salvador and Belo Horizonte, Brazil; National Lottery Update.

11.30 **Film: Arlington Road.** (1999) A man suspects his new neighbours are terrorists, but struggles to convince anyone else that he is not simply being paranoid. Thriller, starring Jeff Bridges.

1.20 Weather. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10** **Film:** Higher and Higher. (1943) **7.35** **Film:** Trail Street. (1947) **9.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Real History of Britain. (R) **10.30** Life in the Freezer. (R) **11.00** Life in the Freezer. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** Harry Bikers' Best of British. (R) **12.45** Tennis from Eastbourne. **3.05** EastEnders. (R) **5.00** Flog It!

6.00 **Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat.** An experiment in which 50 domestic cats are tagged with GPS collars and cameras to track and record their every movement, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)

7.00 **Horizon: Little Cat Diaries.** The results of the investigation into the behaviour of domestic cats documented in The Secret Life of the Cat, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)

7.30 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring sets his sights on Frazer's savings. (R)

8.00 **The Many Faces of Helen Mirren.** A profile of the actress, who became a household name through her portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison in Prime Suspect and won an Oscar for playing Elizabeth II in The Queen.

9.00 **Film: Calendar Girls.** (2003) Fact-based comedy, starring Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, Annette Crosbie, Gail Inrie and Penelope Wilton.

10.45 **QI XL.** With Brian Blessed, Sean Lock and Ross Noble. (R)

11.30 **Film: The Mosquito Coast.** (1986) Drama, starring Harrison Ford.

1.20 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.10** ITV News. Weather. **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.20** River Monsters. (R) **2.20** **Film:** Columbo: A Matter of Honour. (1976) **3.55** **Film:** The 'Burb. (1989) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 **ITV News.** Weather.

6.00 **You've Been Framed!** Clips include a skateboarding mum. (R)

6.45 **You've Been Framed!** More comical clips, including a man taking on a big spider. (R)

7.15 **Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** Family Special. With Caroline Flack, Joe McEllderry and Stephen Mangan.

8.15 **The Nation's Favourite Dance Moment.** A countdown of the top 20 dance routines chosen by viewers, featuring iconic sequences from films such as Saturday Night Fever and music videos including Michael Jackson's Thriller.

9.45 **The Americans.** An assassin tries to kill President Reagan.

10.40 **ITV News.** Weather.

10.55 **Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day.** (1991) Sci-fi action adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.25 **Jackpot247.** **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British GT. **7.05** The Grid. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.40** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing.

6.00 **Stephen Fry: Gadget Man.** The actor tries out technology that makes shopping easier and tests an array of kitchen gadgets as he prepares to host a dinner party for Darren Brown, Carol Vorderman and Jo Brand. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **World's Weirdest Weather.** Alex Beresford explores strange weather associated with fire. (R)

8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows a couple knocking down an old Thames boat house and building a cutting-edge home in its place - in the middle of a community dominated by traditional houses. (R)

9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

10.35 **The Big Dirty List Show: 50 Years of Sex and Music.** The most seductive songs from the past 50 years.

12.05 **Darren Brown: The Gameshow.** (R) **1.15** Royal Ascot Highlights. **1.40** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **3.10** Dr Brown. (R) **3.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.45** SuperScrimpers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.55** ThunderCats. (R) **11.20** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.20** The Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.45** **Film:** Rio Bravo. (1959) **4.30** **Film:** El Dorado. (1966)

6.55 **The CSI Movie: Revenge.** Feature-length episode. A serial killer appears to be on the loose, while Mac reconnects with his former CSI partner after being stalked by an ex-con. Guest starring Peter Fonda.

8.20 **NCIS.** Gibbs is held captive by Paloma Reynosa, head of a drug cartel and daughter of the man he killed, and forced to make a decision with wide-reaching consequences. (R)

9.15 **5 News Weekend.**

9.20 **Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

10.20 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** AJ Odudu is joined by experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates during their first full week.

11.20 **Neighbours: This Week.** Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Kate discovered ex-lover Mark Brennan is still alive and Steph kidnapped Vanessa's baby.

12.25 **SuperCasino.** **3.55** Michaels Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be With You **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.15** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Britain on Film: Times of Change **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World **2013** **9.00** Walford: Sidelined **10.15** Kings of Rock 'n' Roll **11.15** Classic Albums Moments

ITV2
2.20 **Film:** Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **4.15** You've Been Framed! **6.15** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999) **9.00** **Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **11.05** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.55** Britain's Got More Talent: Most Amazing Moments

ITV3
3.00 **Film:** Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest (1997) **4.55** Foyle's War **6.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** Blue Murder

ITV4
3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.50** The Motorbike Show **5.50** **Film:** Escape to Victory (1981) **8.10** **Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **10.00** Hell on Wheels **10.55** **Film:** Escape from New York (1981)

E4
3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rules of Engagement **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** **Film:** Broke Girls **9.00** **Film:** Aeon Flux (2005) **10.50** The Inbetweeners **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

Film 4
2.50 Ladyhawke (1985) **5.10** Coraline (2009) **7.10** Bedazzled (2000) **9.00** Die Hard (1988) **11.35** Dog Soldiers (2002)

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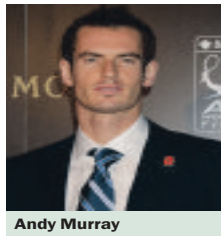
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CHOICE



Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet BBC1, 10.25pm

Last year was an amazing one for Andy Murray – at the Olympics he won gold in the men's singles and silver in the mixed doubles, reached the Wimbledon's men's final, he also won millions of new fans thanks to his obvious heartbreak at failing to become the first British champion since Fred Perry, and in September became the US Open champion – making him the first male UK Grand Slam winner since 1936. This programme charts Andy's build-up to 2013's Wimbledon. Fingers crossed his efforts aren't in vain.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Perfection. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Lifetime. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Earthflight. (R) **6.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. The story of the smugglers who used to operate on Romney Marsh in Kent, and whether bringing super-fast broadband to the northern English countryside is worth the expense; Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a statue of Buddha and mementos of the architect Pugin, brought in by his great-great-grandson. Last in the series. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **9.00** The White Queen. Elizabeth ensures her family's security by marrying off her siblings to the nobility, angering the Neville sisters – so Warwick plots to find husbands for his unhappy daughters. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet. A profile of the US Open champion, following the tennis star on and off the court. **11.25** Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Romantic drama, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. **1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Film: Born to Be Bad. (1950) **8.10** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.40** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Live Rowing. **1.30** Wimbledon: Review of 2012. **2.30** Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. **6.15** Flog It! Will Axon and Elizabeth Talbot hunt for antiques in Glaston-on-Sea, Essex, with valuable finds including a stool hidden beneath bad upholstery, and a painting. (R) **7.00** Venus and Serena. A profile of tennis stars the Williams sisters, telling the story of their rise to stardom and following them throughout 2011, which proved to be a demanding year. **8.00** The Secret Life of the Sun. Kate Humble and Helen Czerski investigate the inner workings of the star and look at the influence its cycles of activity have on the Earth now and in the future. **9.00** Rise of the Continents. Iain Stewart examines clues hidden in the landscape to reveal how North and South America were formed from an ancient supercontinent called Pangaea. **10.00** Blackadder II. Edmund is challenged to a drinking contest. (R) **10.30** Mock the Week. (R) **11.00** What a Load of Buzzcocks. (R) **11.30** Film: Glastonbury. (2006) Documentary about the music festival. **1.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holly City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dingo Dan. (R) **6.55** Dingo Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.50** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors. (1985) **1.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.20** A Touch of Frost. (R) **4.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.50** Film: Beethoven's 4th. (2001) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Denise Welch, Ed Byrne and Amir Khan answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine, hoping to scoop £20,000 for their chosen charity. Ben Shepherd hosts. **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. The sleuth helps an old friend find refuge at a country house, but a murderer soon targets the strange building's various inhabitants. With Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) and Fiona Shaw. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** The Talent Show Story. The evolution of TV variety shows from New Faces to Britain's Got Talent. (R) **11.15** Drama Trails. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.00** Monk. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Blenheim Palace Triathlon. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** Film: Stormbreaker. (2006) **3.25** Deal or No Deal. **4.25** Hollywood Med. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News. **6.00** The Political Slot. **6.05** Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. **8.00** Terror in the Skies. Brendan Walker looks at the people and processes required to maintain aircraft and keep them operating safely, and reveals the problems that can affect planes before they take off. **9.00** The Returned. Julie finds an unlikely saviour as her dark past resurfaces, Camille comes out of hiding with a new identity and Adele finally accepts Simon is back. French supernatural thriller. **10.00** Film: Whiteout. (2009) Premiere. A US marshal in Antarctica investigates a murder, uncovering the dark secret behind a plane crash 50 years earlier. Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** Film: Hero. (2002) **2.05** Nelson's Navy: Back from the Dead. (R) **3.00** Southland. (R) **3.45** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Castle Farm. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Thundercats. (R) **11.00** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.30** The Girl with 7 Mums. (R) **12.30** Big Brother. (R) **1.30** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **2.30** Film: Arthur and the Invisibles. (2006) **4.20** Film: Wimbledon. (2004) **6.05** Film: Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) A boy tries to find his widowed father a new wife via a radio phone-in show, a plea that moves an engaged reporter to respond. Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. **10.00** Film: The Business. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer. **12.05** Bomb Patrol. **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hans & Helene. (R) **5.20** Anneke of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hans & Helene. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.00** The Call Centre **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** Sacred Music: The Story of Allegri's Miserere **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2013 **10.00** Angelic Voices: The Choristers of Salisbury Cathedral **11.30** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **ITV2** **3.00** Film: Dennis (1993) **4.50** You've Been Framed! **5.25** Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **8.15** Film: Liar Liar (1997) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen **ITV3** **3.45** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **9.00** Film: Dead Calm (1989) **11.00** A Touch of Frost **ITV4** **11.15** Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** BBC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.10** Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) **E4** **4.35** 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Film: Hot Shots! (1991) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **11.20** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **11.50** Alan Carr: Chatty Man **Film4** **2.55** Carry On Doctor (1967) **4.45** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.40** 27 Dresses (2008) **8.50** Cannes Film Festival 2013 Special **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.25** Joy Ride (2001)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Journey to the Center of the Earth, Channel 4, 12.35pm

An explorer discovers a prehistoric monster-infested world deep beneath Earth's crust and faces a tough ordeal escaping the predatory attacks of the deadly creatures as he tries to guide his team back to safety. Sci-fi adventure based on Jules Verne's novel, starring Pat Boone and James Mason. (1959)

TUESDAY

Forces of Nature, BBC1, 11.45pm

A harassed publisher faces several unexpected setbacks on the way to his wedding – including a chance encounter with a vivacious woman, who only adds to his confusion as he begins to feel stirrings of love for her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck. (1999)

WEDNESDAY

The Bad News Bears, Channel 4, 1.45am

A gruff former minor-league baseball player agrees to coach a team of youngsters. However, he is shocked by how woefully hopeless the would-be sports heroes really are. Gritting his teeth, he vows to do his best, with the help of an old girlfriend's talented daughter and a grim-faced biker. Comedy, starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal. (1976)



Starship Troopers, Friday, BBC1, 11.25pm

THURSDAY

Honeymoon for One, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman learns her fiancé is having an affair, so breaks off the engagement and heads to Ireland on honeymoon by herself. She gets off on the wrong foot with the manager of the estate where she is staying, but they eventually fall for each other. However, her fiancé later arrives looking for a second chance and planning to buy the land. Romantic drama, with Greg Wise. (2011)

FRIDAY

Music and Lyrics, ITV, 10.35pm

A washed-up pop idol is given the chance to write a song for a teenage star – but despite his musical talents, he has never written a lyric in his life. However, the discovery that the woman who looks after his plants has a way with words marks the start of a beautiful relationship. Comedy, starring Hugh Grant. (2007)

Starship Troopers, BBC1, 11.25pm

Courageous military recruits hurt themselves into a desperate war against alien insects set on destroying mankind. They blast off for the creatures' home planet in a last-ditch attempt to save the human race from annihilation. Sci-fi adventure, starring Casper Van Dien and Dina Meyer. (1997)

Pick of the Week

A resurgent Murray aims to make history

It's the last week in June, so that can mean only one thing – that's right, the start of Wimbledon fortnight.

It's also, of course, the time when tennis fans eat copious amounts of strawberries and cream while enduring unseasonably bad weather and doing lots of cheering on Herman Hill, just as the light begins to fail...

Once again, Brits everywhere will be keeping their fingers crossed that we'll be celebrating the first home-grown winner of the men's tournament since the mighty Fred Perry lifted the famous trophy for the third and final time in 1936.

Andy Murray has as good a chance as anybody of being crowned champion this year, having come so close in 2012. However, he isn't the kind of character to let the hopes of a nation weigh too heavily on his muscular shoulders.

In the past he's been described as dour and even bad-tempered; but the emotional speech he made after losing to Roger Federer in four nail-biting sets helped to improve his

image, as well as win over a new set of fans.

What Murray also has, which some previous British number ones have lacked, is the will to win at all costs. Having won a Grand Slam (the 2012 US Open) and the gold medal in the men's singles at the Olympics, he now knows what it takes to triumph in major championships – which means he's better equipped to go one step further this time around.

One man who knows a lot about carrying the expectation of an entire country is Tim Henman, who claims he didn't really mind the pressure.

"I never had a problem with it because I never really felt like there was any pressure," says Tiger Tim. "My attitude was that it had been my dream to play at Wimbledon on Centre Court. I played a lot of my best tennis and got a lot of my best results out there."

"At the end of the day it's slightly selfish, but I was going on the court to play for myself. I wasn't playing for anybody else and I think that's the right approach to have. I look at the

way that Murray's played and I think he has a similar attitude because he's also played some of his best tennis there.

"There's a psychology to it and you want to make sure you're concentrating on the right things."

Henman also can't wait for this year's tournament, during which he'll be part of the BBC's commentary team once again.

"Even though I don't play any more it's still my favourite time of the year and I love getting involved with the commentary," he explains. "It's the same every time I walk in through the gates at Wimbledon – I still get that special feeling of being at the biggest and best place in tennis and that will never change."

Can Murray do it? Let's hope so. But even if he doesn't, we're still promised a two-week feast of tennis, courtesy of Tim and his colleagues Sue Barker, John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Tracy Austin, Lindsay Davenport, Virginia Wade, Pat Cash, Martina Navratilova and Anne Keothavong.



Andy Murray features in Wimbledon 2013, Monday, BBC2, 5.15pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

EastEnders

BBC1, 8pm

Lauren might be the one with the debilitating drink problem, but Abi is the one we often end up feeling sorry for – even on her birthday, the poor lass never gets to be the centre of attention. Tanya is supposed to be planning her younger daughter's party when she discovers that Lauren didn't come home following her night out with Peter. Max and Tanya fear the worst, but even when their wayward daughter eventually turns up to Abi's party of her own free will, they can't relax and concentrate on the birthday girl. For a start, Lauren has gone a very funny colour and appears to be on the brink of collapse...

The Man with the 10-Stone Testicles: A Bodysnatch Special
Channel 4, 9pm

We're guessing that a few people had a little chuckle when they saw the title of this documentary. It does sound ridiculous, almost like a joke, but for Wesley Warren Jr, it was anything but funny. The Las Vegas resident accidentally knocked his testicles while turning over in bed one night, causing a sharp pain and swelling which got worse, and worse, and worse... Two years later, one of his testicles was larger than a watermelon; Wesley was suffering from a condition doctors named as scrotal elephantiasis or scrotal lymphedema, which are caused by excess fluid building up in the body's tissues. Here, we see what happened when Wesley finally went under the knife.

TUESDAY

Child Genius

Channel 4, 9pm

Could you spell triskaidekaphobia, extemporaneous and ovoviviparous? In fact, do you even know what the words mean? If not, then you probably wouldn't do very well in the competition to find Britain's brightest kids, which this week reaches the spelling bee round. At nine, maths prodigy Chris is the youngest contestant left in the contest, but he isn't sure how he will do when faced with a string of long words. Eleven-year-old Ben is feeling more confident, but perhaps he shouldn't get too relaxed, especially when the opposition includes world under-12s Scrabble champion Shrinidhi.

WEDNESDAY

The Apprentice

BBC1, 9pm

Cast your mind back to the second episode of the current series of The Apprentice, when one team had to pour away a keg of flavoured beer after getting the recipe disastrously wrong. The remaining candidates are going back into the kitchen to create and brand a ready meal to tickle Alan Sugar's taste buds. The task gets off to a shaky start, as some would-be entrepreneurs don't relish the idea of slaving away over a hot stove while their team-mates get to take charge of the branding, and a food fight threatens to break out over two very different ideas.

THURSDAY

Match of the Day Live

BBC1, 7.55pm

Gary Lineker presents the second semi-final of the Confederations Cup, held at the Estadio Castelão in Fortaleza, Brazil, where the winners of Group B take on the Group A runners-up. Arguably the biggest shock of the tournament took place at this stage when the competition was last staged in 2009, with Euro 2008 winners Spain losing 2-0 to the USA. It was one of few setbacks for the Spaniards in recent years, as they went on to lift the World Cup in 2010 and defend their European title last year, and it would be a major surprise if they have not reached this stage once again.

Eye Spy
Channel 4, 10pm

If we were to tell you that Stephen Fry is narrating this new hidden-camera show about what exactly makes Great Britain so great, many of you would probably agree we'd found one of its gems right there. But this isn't about the presenter; he is keen to turn the spotlight on us, the public, to see whether we can be heroes when faced with a particularly challenging situation, or is

our country, as so many people argue these days 'going to the dogs'? Many of us claim we would always do the 'right' thing in sticky situations, but when set up in stunts that throw up assorted moral dilemmas, is that really the case?

FRIDAY

The Graham Norton Show

BBC1, 10.35pm

Samuel L. Jackson has spent more than two decades confirming his status as one of the coolest men on the planet, thanks to Jurassic Park, The Long Kiss Goodnight, the Star Wars prequels and Avengers Assemble. Sandra Bullock has also become a force to be reckoned with. In 2009 alone she saw The Blind Side (for which she won an Oscar) and The Proposal both earn more than \$300million each. She will be plugging new cop comedy The Heat, while Britain's own Nick Frost promotes The World's End, his latest collaboration with Simon Pegg and director Edgar Wright. There's also music by Jake Bugg.

Glastonbury 2013

BBC2, 11pm

The mother of all gigs is back for the first time since 2011, and there's no shortage of amazing acts lined up to take to the assorted stages. It's not so much a case of "Get off my land" as "Get off my cloud." Yes, the Rolling Stones have finally given in to repeated requests to play the venue, and will finally be taking to the Pyramid Stage on Saturday June 29. First up, however, are Arctic Monkeys, Dizzee Rascal, The Vaccines, Professor Green, Rita Ora, Jake Bugg and Haim.

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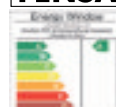
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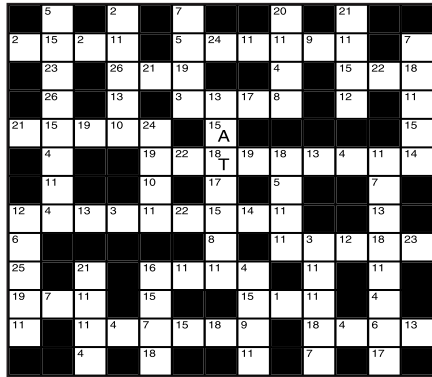
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No.226

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
C	Y	M	J	S	F	H	U	V	B	D	P	A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

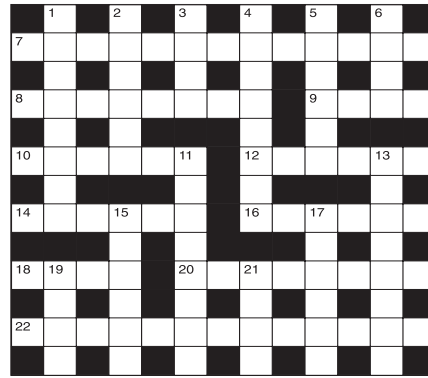
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Putting back in the ice-box? It's terrifying (5-8)
8. They prevent low joints being exposed (8)
9. What one has to do for tax (4)
10. Remained sober, we hear (6)
12. Consumer round the south associated with eggs (6)
14. He originated many current devices (6)
16. There is one on both sides of the capital where services are held (6)
18. Strikes back to prepare for a fight (4)
20. They follow on at the back to show what is coming ahead! (8)
22. Made out to be illustrious (13)

Down

1. Full of life, but secretly abducted (8)
2. Among those who give the verdict for damage (6)
3. Some of the elder cardinals hold the measure back (4)
4. Men's tips badly used (8)
5. Oars used by the cutter (6)
6. A tough piece of wood giving a negative result, one hears (4)
11. Got in and changed to acting as a benefactor (8)
13. Altered the size of the shot (8)
15. Moves conceitedly - members taking the strain! (6)
17. Harry the underground worker has a short way for traffic! (6)
19. Soft melody - two in fact (4)
21. Lily shows a certain spirit (4)



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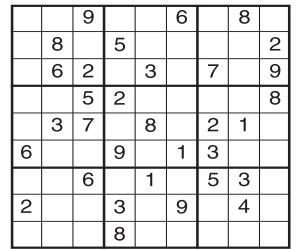
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7. G. Britain and N. Ireland (6,7)
8. Taciturn (8)
9. Competent (4)
10. Mild (6)
12. Deed (6)
14. Roadway (6)
16. Tried (6)
18. Urge forward (4)
20. Way in (8)
22. Religious organisation (9,4)

Down

1. Concern (8)
2. Severe (6)
3. Lazy (4)
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Sudoku



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Draw; 8 Expatriate; 9 Shipmate; 10 Back; 12 Carass; 14 Minute; 15 Agreed; 17 Castle; 18 Gear; 19 Spillover; 21 Flower-beds; 22 Town. Down: 2 Right-angle; 3 Weep; 4 Appals; 5 Stream; 6 Disbands; 7 Deck; 11 Cattle-show; 13 Eyebrows; 16 Desert; 17 Crowed; 18 Gift; 20 Last. QUICK - Across: 1 Scab; 8 Leadership; 9 Isotherm; 10 Even; 12 Ascend; 14 Temper; 15 Leased; 17 Oddity; 18 Style; 19 Mediocre; 21 Amalgamate; 22 Need. Down: 2 Consistent; 3 Blot; 4 Patent; 5 Permit; 6 Esteemed; 7 Spin; 11 Electorate; 13 Easterly; 16 Demean; 17 Ordeal; 18 Snap; 20 Open.



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Dine and Dance from £139.⁹⁵

Take in a top West End show and have some free time in London for shopping and sightseeing. For the Dine and Dance option see the matinee performance before heading back to the hotel for dinner and disco (conditions apply). For the Saturday Night option you will see the evening performance. For both breaks the price includes a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel, with full English breakfast (plus dinner for Dine and Dance options). Pick ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.



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Theatre Weekend from £189.⁹⁵

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Property



A breakfast kitchen with central island and granite work surfaces is a good feature



A large rear garden has a vast expanse of lawn, raised beds and many maturing trees

Bathroom with corner bath on the ground floor



Love Your Postcode is handling the sale of this house

A SPACIOUS three-bedroom semi-detached property in Oldbury is for sale priced at £174,950.

The house in Dog Kennel Lane has a reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC and bathroom, three bedrooms and bathroom, off street parking and front and rear gardens.

There is local shopping at Londonderry Road, with a wider range in Bearwood and Oldbury town centres, with local schools for all age groups.

On the ground floor the dining room, 13ft 4in by 12ft, has a feature fireplace, with the reception room measuring 12ft 2in by 12ft having a feature fireplace and French doors to the garden.

The kitchen, 9ft 11in by 8ft 10in, has a range of wall and base units with work surfaces, stainless steel sink and cooker hood with a utility room measuring 10ft 9in by 9ft 10in and with wall and base units, breakfast bar, stainless steel sink and plumbing for washing machine, with a door to a toilet.

The downstairs bathroom has a corner bath and wash hand basin, and there are three bedrooms and first floor bathroom with shower, wash hand basin and WC.

Contact Love Your Postcode on 0121 285 5005 for more details.

Large detached nestled on a plot of two thirds of an acre

AN individual detached house set in splendid grounds approaching two thirds of an acre is for sale priced at £575,000.

With extensive parking and secluded gardens, the property - The Firs, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster - has four bedrooms and two bathrooms, a Charles Yorke fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, games room, two garages and extensive range of workshop/store rooms.

The house is on the Bewdley side of the town, set well back from the road behind an extensive block paved frontage with parking for several vehicles and space for a boat, caravan or motor home.

The interior has been upgraded by the present owners, most notably the new breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of cream units with a central island and granite work surface. It features a range of high-end

appliances including self cleaning electric double oven, induction hob and island mounted fully retractable concealed extractor, dishwasher, American style refrigerator and freezer and wine chiller.

With double doors leading out to the garden and separate utility room leading off, the kitchen creates a fabulous hub of the home.

There is also a newly refitted guest cloakroom, dining room with double doors to the garden and a games/snooker room with full height picture windows.

On the first floor the master bedroom suite includes a newly fitted range of wardrobes with a dressing area and en suite bathroom, with three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside the rear gardens are laid mainly to lawn with raised beds, paved patio terrace and well stocked shrubbery borders to all sides.

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3 Bed

Metropolitan Lofts, DUDLEY



NEW



This immaculately presented second floor apartment set in this wonderfully converted building benefits from open plan living accommodation laid out over two floors to comprise of entrance hallway, open plan lounge/kitchen area, shower room, main bedroom to the ground floor and two further bedrooms situated on separate mezzanine floors. Having secure communal entrance with lift, undercroft secure gated allocated parking, basement storage area, electric heating and double glazing, viewing is a must!

EPC:TBC

Netherton Office

£107,000

3 Bed

Clarence Road, DUDLEY



NEW



This three bedroom end terraced property in good decorative order comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen. On the first floor are three bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside there is a lawned fore garden with driveway to the side for parking and double gates lead to the rear garden which is laid mainly to lawn. Being conveniently situated, an early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£94,950

3 Bed

Vale Road, NETHERTON



NEW



This THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED property is a great opportunity for a cash buyer! Ideal for an investor buyer who is looking to purchase a property in good order with a cosmetic work needed throughout. Benefitting from double glazing and central heating along with a good sized, well maintained garden, an early viewing is recommended to avoid disappointment.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£65,000

2 Bed

Chichester Avenue, NETHERTON



NEW



A well presented two bedroom mid terrace property set in a popular location. The spacious accommodation is gas centrally heated and comprises of: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two well proportioned bedrooms and bathroom. The rear garden is low maintenance and is not overlooked from the rear and has gated access to an open field. The front garden is block paved providing off road parking for a number of vehicles.

EPC:TBC

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£94,950

3 Bed

The Beck, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



....STAR BUY....
A well presented and deceptively spacious three bedroom property comprising, good sized lounge, kitchen/diner, rear garden, three bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, house bathroom, downstairs w.c, off road parking, central heating and double glazing. Being immaculately kept and decorated to a high standard, being realistically priced for a quick sale, early viewing is essential to avoid disappointment.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£120,000

4 Bed

34 Fernhurst Drive, BRIERLEY HILL



Being the original showhome this larger style, detached family home has arguably the best location on the road! With a blocked paved driveway, welcoming hallway, music room, large storage cupboard (converted garage/easily converted back), beautiful dining room, spacious dining kitchen, lounge to the rear, private rear garden. On the first floor are three fabulous sized bedrooms; master with en-suite and fitted wardrobes. View now - you won't be disappointed!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Over
£179,950

2 Bed

Russells Hall Road, RUSSELLS HALL



NEW



This spacious two bedroomed semi-detached home is conveniently situated on the ever popular Russells Hall development close to most amenities. Benefitting from central heating, double glazing, garage and a spacious driveway! Available to let immediately, an early viewing is highly recommended! DSS considered, no pets.
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Lot 83 148 Cannock Road, Chadswood, Cannock Commercial / Residential Vacant
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Lot 105 8 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham Residential Vacant
Lot 106 9 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham Residential Vacant
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★ Immaculate throughout
★ Energy Rating D
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REDHALL ROAD
★ Bungalow
★ Fully refurbished
★ Large landscaped gardens
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ 2 bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas c/htg
★ Double glazed
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LAKE STREET
★ Semi-detached
★ Good size plot
★ Lounge ★ Sitting room
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★ 3 Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
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NEW STREET
★ End Terraced
★ Fully Refurbished
★ Lounge ★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Formal Dining Area Off
★ Two Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Private Garden
★ Gas C/Heating ★ Double Glazed
★ Immaculate Throughout
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★ Maisonette
★ Purpose built
★ Ground floor hall & cloaks
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★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathroom
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★ Immaculate th'out
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A rare and excellent opportunity to purchase within this delightful cul de sac, just a short walk from the heart of Kingswinford, upon the highly sought after Mayfields development, this DISTINCTIVE DAVID PAVNE DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a pleasant secluded front outlook, with trees to the fore, and offers VERY GENEROUS and WELL PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, spacious large Lounge, Conservatory Extension, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, classic white Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With low maintenance pebbled forecourt and TARMAC DRIVEWAY to the fore, together with CARPORT, GARAGE and a pleasantly secluded rear garden. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£254,950**WORDSLEY**

Marshall Crescent

A VERY DECEPTIVE AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED THREE STOREY MID TOWNHOUSE enjoying a fantastic position, with a superb open front outlook, and offering IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, VERSATILE and ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: large Reception Hall, ground floor guests cloakroom/W.C., impressive full width Lounge, spacious & stylishly appointed Dining Kitchen with appliances and French doors to a front Balcony, Bedroom Three / Office TWO SECOND FLOOR BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE), house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Constructed during 2009 by Paramount Homes, the property is further enhanced by the NHBC WARRANTY, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with UTILITY AREA and an enclosed rear garden with patio and lawn. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,995**SEDGLEY**

Northway

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A gas radiator centrally heated (combi boiler) & part UPVC double glazed link detached in need of sympathetic updating set in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall (with parkay floor), 23'8" through lounge/dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, good size garage (automated roller door), rear lobby & two stores, delightful sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

WALL HEATH

Casewell Road

Superbly located within this very pleasant cul-de-sac, approached via Foundry Road just a short distance from the heart of Wall Heath, this VERY DECEPTIVE MODERN, DORMER STYLE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, VERSATILE and WELL MAINTAINED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious large Lounge, separate Dining Room/Bedroom Three, fitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, delightful Conservatory extension, classic white Bathroom with separate shower and TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS. With attractive low maintenance forecourt, GOOD SIZED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and, to the rear, enjoying an ATTRACTIVE SUNNY REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950**WITHYMOOR VILLAGE**

Aldeford Drive

Presenting a rare opportunity, this modern style, enlarged, Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home is situated on a corner plot at the head of a Cul De Sac, and personal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The thoughtfully extended property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, enlarged Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen addition, Three Bedrooms (Master with fitted wardrobes), Bathroom with white suite, Double Garage, Driveway providing ample parking, and a good size Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£159,950**DUDLEY**

Cardoness Place

An ENLARGED, tremendously improved & exceptional stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached at head of favoured cul de sac with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes lengthy reception hall, fitted cloakroom with white suite & a cloak cupboard, elegant lounge, separate dining room with French doors through to the brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'chester' effect units & various integrated appliances, pantry, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom & stone, gated driveway with substantial BRICK GARAGE (16'1" x 10'6"), delightful landscaped garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £148,950

NETHERTON

Tewkesbury Drive

This beautifully presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish Lounge, re-fitted Dining Kitchen, Three Good Bedrooms (Master with fitted wardrobes), Bathroom with corner suite, Driveway, and a low maintenance Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950**WORDSLEY**

Renfrew Close

Pleasantly overlooking an attractive open green to the fore, within this popular address upon the highly sought after Fowle, Larns/Ashwood Park development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED and SPACIOUS accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, very well proportioned Lounge with ample dining space, extended refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. Set back beyond a small landscaped forecourt with shrubs, together with a BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to SIDE GARAGE and, to the rear, enjoying a pleasantly laid out rear garden. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£136,950**WORDSLEY**

The Poplars

Enjoying a position within this established address, this MOST APPEALING AND THOUGHTFULLY ARRANGED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING, to comprise: Porch, Hall, Large Sitting Room with Dining Area, Kitchen, Three First Floor Bedrooms and Shower Room. Forecourt with Drive, Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£129,950**QUARRY BANK**

Lawnsdown Road

This conscientiously maintained, extended, Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home is well worthy of internal inspection, and is situated in an established residential location. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Excellent re-fitted Kitchen addition, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway, and a low maintenance Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950**WORDSLEY**

Hathaway Mews

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN TOWN HOUSE with rear Garage and Carport, enjoys a superb position toward the countryside fringe of Forest Lawns, just off Edmond/Balmoral road, all tastefully presented offering: Hall with Cloak/closet off, Spacious LOUNGE open to DINING EXTENSION, Extended and refitted Kitchen, Rear Hall, THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS all with fitted furniture, Bathroom with pastel suite and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING plus Gas Central Heating, Forelawn, rear drive to GARAGE and CARPORT, both adjoining the pleasant rear Garden. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950**HOLLY HALL**

Buxton Road

Enjoying an enviable position within this established address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME displays a most deceptive style, with a GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND DOUBLE GLAZED LAYOUT (vast majority of units), briefly comprising: hall, guests cloakroom, attractive sitting room, CONSERVATORY, lovely oak styled kitchen, three good first floor bedrooms and delightful re-appointed bathroom. Gated drive frontage and with a generous naturally secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950**KINGSWINFORD**

Larch Road

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ENLARGED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is enhanced by the DRIVEWAY providing off-ramped parking to the fore, together with a LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. Offering GENEROUS accommodation including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Workshop/Office, ground floor Shower Room, THREE BEDROOMS, classic white Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property forms part of an established and sought after location which is well placed just a short distance from the centre of Kingswinford with its excellent range of shops and other amenities. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£119,950**LOWER GORNAL**

St. Andrews Close

OF INTEREST TO INVESTORS/CASH BUYERS - A LEASEHOLD (50 year term unexpired), EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached set in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views. Providing significant potential, the accommodation includes hall, fitted cloakroom, store, lounge, extended sitting room, through breakfast kitchen, laundry, three bedrooms, bathroom, shortened former garage, garden. (vendors advise £9,000 quoted to secure freehold interest). EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: **£119,950****COSELEY**

Kenelm Road

A delightful, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached excellently situated within convenient distance of so many amenities, bus/rail transport routes, etc. Accommodation provides reception hall, under stair store, dining room with bay, enlarged lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms (two with cupboards), recently reappointed stylish fully tiled shower room with white contemporary suite, off road parking, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

KINGSWINFORD

Maple Grove

Pleasantly located within this small cul-de-sac, forming part of a popular and sought after location which is well placed just a short distance from the centre of Kingswinford, this MOST DECEPTIVE MODERN ONE BEDROOM HOUSE is enhanced by an OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE and offers SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Hall, large Lounge, fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, excellent Double Bedroom and Bathroom with light colour suite. The property is set back beyond the lawned fore garden and enjoys its own private rear garden which offers much potential (not situated directly behind the property). EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£81,500**BROCKMOOR**

Norwood Road

Favouring a position within this established address, this WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should now require updating and refurbishment, and affords a layout which includes SOME DOUBLE GLAZING, to briefly comprise: hall, sitting room, kitchen, side hall with guests/sq's cloakroom off, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Forecourt, enclosed rear garden with DETACHED GARAGE (approached via a leased right of way). NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£69,950**WOMBOURNE**

Mount Road

An ELEGANT, INDIVIDUAL AND OUTSTANDING SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME within walking distance of the Village Centre, enjoying a corner position and constructed to a very high standard in 2003 for the current owners, providing EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, it IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, comprising: Canopy Porch, Reception Hall with Guests Cloakroom/W.C. off, huge Living Room, Dining Area, CONSERVATORY, large Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, Laundry Room, Gallery Landing, FIVE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, the Master having En-Suite Bathroom, and large House Bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and further enhanced by the LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a sunny rear garden. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£425,000**WALL HEATH**

Open Viewing Sat 22nd June 11am - 1pm

Albion Street

An INCREDIBLY HIGH SPECIFICATION & INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after location, close to good schooling and village shops, constructed in 2010 for the current owners, providing IMMACULATE and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation upon three floors, comprising: Canopy Porch, Through Reception Hall, Guests Cloak/W.C., large Lounge with walk-in bay and multi-Rail burner, through to full width fitted Kitchen with appliances and Dining Room area off, FOUR SUPERB BEDROOMS, three having bespoke EN-SUITE SHOWER/BATHROOM potential to create a five bedroom layout and lavish House Bathroom. Under door leading to ground floor plus gas central heating, solar water heating system and UPVC double glazing. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with UTILITY AREA and a GENEROUS BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with substantial log Garden Room/Office. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£339,950**KINGSWINFORD**

Market Street

A STUNNING & EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE EDWARDIAN THREE-STOREY SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME situated within the heart of Kingswinford, providing IMMACULATELY PRESENTED & EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation including much charm & character, comprising: Entrance Porch, 23' x Reception Hall with Minton tiled floor, Living Room with log burner, huge separate Dining Room with bay, Luxury Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, Breakfast Room, Shop with log burner, separate Utility Room/ Guests Cloakroom/W.C. Cellar, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, En-Suite Shower Room and luxury House Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated beyond a forecourt, with a LARGE TRADITIONAL WALLED REAR GARDEN, and REAR DRIVE/PARKING. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£289,950**DUDLEY**

Lightwood Road

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached constructed for present vendors own occupation & comprising: Impressive reception hall, fitted cloakroom, storage cupboards, dining room with bay, 17'10" lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire & patio doors through to a brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with fitted units & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved forecourt and 13ft width side area with potential, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £207,950

DUDLEY

Dibdale Road West

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated Kendrick built double fronted detached in favoured well established neighbourhood. Superb accommodation includes L-shaped reception hall, stone fitted cloakroom with white suite, upgraded through dining kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden. Through living room with patio doors through to a magnificent uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (15' x 12'4"), three bedrooms (principal bedroom with recently reappointed shower room en suite), bathroom, lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950

GORNAL WOOD

Woodland Grove

Enviably situated in short cul-de-sac just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale, a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation provides: reception hall, lounge, transverse 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a 'garden room'. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy block paved driveway, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

BEARWOOD**HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****0121 434 4345****21 Hagley Road****0121 550 3978****2A Dudley Street****01902 880888**

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6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**UPPER GORNAL/SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Providing significant potential, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, fitted cloakroom & further cloak cupboard, superb 25'7" through living/dining room (with possibilities of sub-division?), kitchen, pantry, lobby. FOUR BEDROOMS (three with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, level gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000**KINGSWINFORD****Ground Floor****Hawkeswell Drive**

Enjoying its own private entrance and pleasantly located within this much sought after modern cul de sac development, this SUPERB, FORMER SHOW HOME, TWO BEDROOM, GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT has been SUCCESSFULLY ENLARGED and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED to offer: reception hall, incredibly spacious P shaped lounge with dining area, separate dining / study area, attractively fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, en-suite bathroom (off bed 1), luxury en-suite shower room (off bed 2), GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The apartment enjoys an ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING is also available. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£165,000**HIMLEY****The Limes**

A MOST IMPRESSIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT which forms part of this purpose built development for those of 55 years and over, set within BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS AND GROUNDS within the 'semi rural' Himley village, and still within reach of surrounding shopping facilities, offering an IMPRESSIVE SPOULDS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout of accommodation which is entered via a secure main entrance, comprising: entrance hall, large 18' x reception hall, superb 23' x lounge with dining room area, feature fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, both with built in wardrobes and master with en suite shower room, main bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, TWO ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £164,950**WALL HEATH****Open Viewing Sat 22nd June 11am - 2pm****Victoria Street**

A LARGE DOUBLE-FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED TRADITIONAL BUNGALOW within a sought after and convenient location, having been recently BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED and COMPLETELY RE-APPOINTED throughout, providing ready to move into accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Recessed Porch, Through Reception Hall, generous Lounge with walk-in bay, large refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the attractive front garden with DRIVEWAY and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE SUNNY REAR GARDEN with decking, patio and lawns. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950**COSELEY****Denise Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN! An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (in favoured cul-de-sac) that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary standard of accommodation throughout including: entrance porch, reception hall, store, enlarged 16'8" lounge with bay, and 'living flame' gas fire, transverse 25'3" refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a range of 'Avanti' units & double doors out to garden. Three generous bedrooms (two with built in double wardrobes) and a further saves storage (with potential), enlarged/refitted bathroom with a white suite. Garage, lengthy garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,750**LOWER GORNAL****Deepdale Lane**

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage), first floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor flat' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom area with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**KINGSWINFORD****£3,000 Reduction****Monteagle Drive**

Gently elevated within this very popular address upon prestigious Charterfields, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and WELL PLANNED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, full depth lounge through to dining area, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. With lawned foreground, DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and to the rear enjoying an ATTRACTIVE SECLUDED GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£145,950**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, two good bedrooms, wet room, block paved driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950**COSELEY****Cherrywood Close**

An attractive, double glazed & gas centrally heated, modern style detached family home constructed by Morris Homes and conveniently situated for local amenities/transport links. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, two allocated spaces & a neat rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**NETHERTON****CONSERVATORY****Thistlegreen Road**

A deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Welcoming hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace, opening to double glazed conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, two double bedrooms, bedroom one with en-suite shower room, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£129,950**NETHERTON****NEW PRICE****St Peters Road**

Enjoying views over The Bumblehole Nature Reserve to the front, this beautifully presented three-storey, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom End Townhouse has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, as a personal inspection will verify. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish Lounge, refitted Kitchen with a fine range of units, Three good Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£123,950**LOWER GORNAL****Autumn Drive**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and an internal inspection is highly recommended. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious through lounge, refitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite, Driveway and rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**DUDLEY****Elm Green**

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home provides surprisingly spacious living space & may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, CONSERVATORY, utility, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, attic bedroom 4, block paved driveway & a rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,950**DUDLEY****Blackthorne Road**

This conscientiously maintained, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, guests w.c., three bedrooms, refitted shower room, handstanding to front & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,500**UPPER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

An attractive, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED end 'starter home' occupying a fine corner plot with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the front in well regarded district. Offering potential, the accommodation provides lounge, breakfast kitchen, principal bedroom with wardrobes, second bedroom, bathroom, boarded roof space, block paved foregarden & side DRIVEWAY (8'3" width), 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000**Rubens Close****SEDGLEY****Claremont Road**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of character with various original period features (fireplaces, doors, etc.) excellent situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring & open fields. Accommodation includes dining room with bay, lobby, sitting, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, two double bedrooms. Delightful sheltered rear garden & substantial concrete panel WORKROOM/STORE (light & power & rear pedestrian access). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**PENSNETT****Heydon Road**

This well presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room / Study, refitted Kitchen, three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white corner suite, Driveway, and a pleasant rear Garden. EPC Rating D. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £99,950**QUARRY BANK****Birch Coppice**

This really quite charming, Victorian style, Double Glazed (most majority of units being uPVC), two Bedroom Semi-Attached Cottage is beautifully presented throughout, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Shower Room and low maintenance Rear Courtyard. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,950**LOWER GORNAL****Boundary Hill**

This traditional style, gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be an ideal first time purchase. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., through lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom & rear garden. EPC Rating: D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Exchange Street**

IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS OR THOSE SEEKING A BUY TO LET INVEST! This MOST APPEALING, MODERN, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: hall, modern kitchen, sitting room, CONSERVATORY, two first floor bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom with white suite. Garden to the rear, parking to the front, economy seven storage heating. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in Excess of £77,000**BRIERLEY HILL****The Promenade**

Enjoying a position close to the WELL ESTABLISHED Merry Hill Shopping centre, this WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, MID-TERRACED HOME affords an arrangement of accommodation which is planned over two floors, and displays excellent potential to improve and enhance. Although now requiring updating and improvement this is a home which has uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and CENTRAL HEATING. Offered For Sale with the advantage of NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Himley Road Dudley 249,950



Traditional five bedroom detached benefits three reception rooms, spacious kitchen breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite. Must Be Viewed, Energy rating E.

Abbotsford Drive Dudley 210,000



A detached dormer bungalow, comprises through lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom three study, conservatory two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, Energy Rating E

St Micheals Grove Dudley Offers over £190,000



A traditional family home set in cul-de-sac location, comprises, hallway, lounge, extended kitchen, conservatory, playroom, w.c., three bedrooms and bathroom. Energy rating TBC

Richborough Drive Dudley 149,950



A three bedroom detached comprises kitchen, lounge, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom, garage, gardens to the front and rear. Energy rating D.

Himley Avenue Dudley 149,950



A well presented semi detached property set in a desirable cul-de-sac location, comprises two reception rooms, three bedrooms, Attractive rear garden. Energy rating C

Dibdale Street Dudley 143,000



MUST BE VIEWED refurbished throughout bungalow set on corner plot, comprises refitted kitchen and bathroom, lounge, two bedrooms, garage, No Upward Chain. Energy rating D.

Vanborough Walk Dudley 135,995



A well presented and extended semi set in cul-de-sac location, benefits dining room, extended lounge and kitchen, three bedrooms and shower room, driveway. Energy rating C.

Tansey Green Road Pensnett 129,950



A three bedroom semi detached property backing onto open fields benefits kitchen/diner, two reception rooms, loft room, central heating, double glazing, No Chain. Energy rating D.

Prices Road Gornal Wood 124,950



Having charming character this well presented traditional miners cottage style property must be viewed to appreciate the original features balanced with a modern touch.

The Beck Dudley 120,000



STAR BUY An immaculately presented three bedroom property benefits from spacious kitchen/diner, lounge, no work required and ready to move in. Ideal first time buyers purchase.

Parkes Hall Road Woodsetton 119,950



A traditional semi comprises through lounge, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms bathroom, garage, No Upward Chain. Energy rating TBC.

Corbyn Road Russells Hall 97,000



A well presented semi detached benefits through lounge, kitchen, landscaped garden, two good size bedrooms, bathroom. Viewing recommended. No upward chain. Energy rating D.

Laburnum Road Dudley 79,950



A three bedroom semi detached property, briefly comprises hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, gardens to the front side and rear. No Upward Chain.

Wolverton Road Dudley £89,950



With views overlooking Dudley Castle this three bedroom property comprises entrance hallway, lounge, downstairs w.c., kitchen, bathroom, vehicle access to rear. Energy rating D.

Bramble Green Dudley £79,950



An ideal first time purchase this two bed semi detached property has central heating, a downstairs wet room and a spacious rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Energy rating TBC.

Occupation Street Dudley 69,950



A traditional end terrace comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom three bedrooms, gardens to the front and rear, No Upward Chain. Energy rating TBC

Tansey Green Road Pensnett 33,125



Brand new shared ownership two bedroomed property for sale. Price shown is at 25% purchase price. Call Connells for further details on 01384 214770.

Abberley Street Dudley 54,950



First floor apartment close to Dudley town centre provides lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. With double glazing and parking space and NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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RODENBOYDELL

**SEDGLEY****WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**

A seven-bedroom home of considerable style and character that briefly comprises a porch, a reception hall, a sitting room, a drawing room, a panelled dining room, a dining kitchen, a utility room, a garden room, a study, a cloakroom, three en-suite bedrooms, four further bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage and pleasant rear gardens. EPC rating E

£399,950**SEDGLEY****CATHOLIC LANE**

A four-bedroom detached home of considerable style and quality that briefly comprises an elegant reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a formal dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further double bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating a double garage and impressive grounds that have been carefully landscaped to create beautiful gardens. EPC rating E

£394,950**SEDGLEY****MODEN HILL**

A beautifully appointed detached cottage that has recently been restored and extended and briefly comprises a spacious sitting room / reception room, a magnificent lounge, a superb fitted kitchen, a guest cloakroom, three double bedrooms, a luxury bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a driveway and attractive gardens that enjoy panoramic views of the local countryside and beyond. EPC rating C

£334,950**LOWER GORNAL****PROSPECT ROAD**

A unique and extremely spacious, three / four bedroom detached home of considerable style that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a superb fitted kitchen, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite with a private sitting room, two / three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, gas fired central heating, UPVC double-glazing, a garage and a beautiful rear garden. EPC rating C

£299,950**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland. EPC rating E

£289,950**LOWER GORNAL****CEDARWOOD ROAD**

A three-bedroom split level home that is arranged on two floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a magnificent lounge with panoramic views, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached double garage and a delightful garden with views of Ellowes Hall sports field and open countryside beyond. EPC rating D

£229,950**BROADLANDS****DUDMASTON WAY**

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£229,950**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a downstairs wc, a utility room with access to a storage room, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

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£219,950**WOODSETTON****ETON CLOSE**

A four-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a breakfast kitchen, an en-suite master bedroom, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, two driveways, a carport, a garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC rating TBA

£209,950**LOWER GORNAL****REDHALL ROAD**

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a verandah, three bedrooms, a bathroom UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and attractive gardens. EPC rating E

£204,950**SEDGLEY****GOWER ROAD**

A three-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden that enjoys distant views. EPC rating E

£189,950**LOWER GORNAL****THORNLEIGH**

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/bedroom four, a wet room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£179,950**SEDGLEY****DUDLEY ROAD**

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, a 35ft garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating E

£172,950**LOWER GORNAL****STRAITS ROAD**

A two bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and pleasant gardens. EPC rating B

£164,950**LOWER GORNAL****CHAUCER AVENUE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge / dining room, a brand new fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a brand new bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950**SEDGLEY****EAVES COURT DRIVE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with open access to the conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£157,950**FAIRVIEW PARK****MANDERSTON CLOSE**

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating C

£156,950**SEDGLEY****PENNS WOOD CLOSE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£153,950**MILKING BANK****COWLEY DRIVE**

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

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LARKWOOD ROAD

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£225,000

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OAKHAM ROAD

•EPC D•An Extended Detached•Three Bedrooms•Extended Breakfast Kitchen•Utility Room•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Drive•No Chain

£155,000

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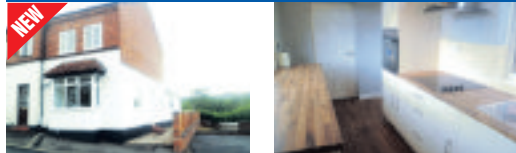
HEATH GREEN

•EPC RATINGS AWAITED•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Extended Games, Study, Utility & Dining Rooms•Lounge•Breakfast Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway

£109,950

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NETHERTON



ROUND STREET

•EPC RATING E•An Improved End Terraced•Two Double Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Refitted Kitchen Having Integrated Appliances•Ground Floor Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No Chain

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£550 PCM

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OAKHAM



OAKHAM AVENUE

•EPC AWAITED•An Improved & Extended Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Dining Room•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Rear Garden•Viewing Recommended

Offers Over

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THE BROADWAY

We are pleased to market this improved and extended double glazed and gas central heated bay fronted three bedroom semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hall, dining room, lounge, extended kitchen, lobby and ground floor cloakroom, extended sitting room. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/w.c. Externally there is a garden to the front and to the rear along with driveway leading to the garage. EPC Rating Is Grade E.

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LINDLEY AVENUE

•Improved Three Bedrooms Semi Detached •Extended Kitchen •Fitted Bathroom •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazed Where Stated •Cul-De-Sac Location •Enclosed Rear Garden •No Upward Chain •Ideal For First Time Buyers

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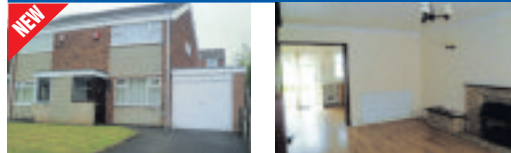
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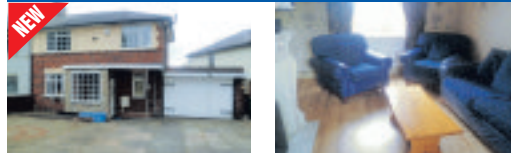
RUBY CLOSE

•EPC RATINGS AWAITED•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive•No Chain

£105,000

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BULL STREET

•EPC RATING F•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Extended Kitchen•Low Maintenance Rear Garden•Garage•Drive

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62A ROBERT STREET £195,000

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- Detached house
- Three double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room, utility room
- Delightful open outlook at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



29 CEDARWOOD ROAD £174,950

LOWER GORNAL

- Well maintained & improved link detached bungalow
- Deceptive accommodation with two bedrooms
- L shaped lounge & dining room
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



51C SANDSTONE CLOSE £154,950

LOWER GORNAL

- Semi detached two bedroom bungalow
- Improved & modernised
- Conservatory, shower room
- Ample off road parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



FLAT 5 REGENCY COURT £149,950

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- Modern first floor flat
- Two bedrooms, ensuite shower room
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sited entrance
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71 RICHBOROUGH DRIVE £149,950

DUDLEY

- Modern detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Popular housing estate
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



3 ANCHOR DRIVE £145,950

TIPTON

- Modern three storey town house
- Three bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- Dining area/kitchen, lounge
- Utility room, ground floor cloakroom
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



NO UPWARD CHAIN

70 CHAD ROAD, COSELEY £139,950

- Traditional semi detached house with three bedrooms
- Well presented & recently renovated throughout
- Attached garage and pleasant level rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN

404 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD EAST £114,950

- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Updating works required
- Garage at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



80 CENTRAL DRIVE O/A £108,500

LOWER GORNAL

- Well maintained terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
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2 VICTORIA ROAD O/A £99,950

SEDGLEY

- Extended semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Requires certain cosmetic works
- Gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING TBC



540A BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £94,950

COSELEY

- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptive accommodation
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



12 BUFFERY ROAD £84,995

DUDLEY

- End terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- L shaped lounge
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



54 CLARE CRESCENT £69,950

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- Traditional semi-detached with impressive accommodation
- Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Spacious kitchen
- Modernised shower room • Detached garage to rear • Parking
- Pleasant rear garden • VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£165,000

NEW

SEDGLEY ROAD
WOODSETTON

- Substantial detached family home with three good size bedrooms
- Two reception rooms • Kitchen plus utility • Bathroom
- Central heating • Double glazing • Low maintenance rear garden. Energy Rating: D

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BROWNSWALL ESTATE, SEDGLEY

- Spacious semi-detached family home in quiet cul-de-sac position
- Extremely popular location • Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Double glazing (where specified) • Off road parking plus garage
- No upward chain • Viewing recommended. Energy Rating: TBC

£150,000

NEW

CLARENCE STREET
UPPER GORNAL

- Semi detached home in convenient position • Three bedrooms
- Improved accommodation that must be seen to be appreciated
- 24ft Living room • Kitchen plus laundry with WC off
- Central heating • Double glazing • No upward chain. Energy Rating: TBC

£137,500

NEW

PLEASANT VIEW
LOWER GORNAL

- Surprisingly spacious semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area • Fitted kitchen • Upstairs bathroom
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified) • Quiet position
- Private rear garden. Energy Rating: D

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THE ALLEY
LOWER GORNAL

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- 16ft Living room • Dining kitchen • Stylish bathroom • Central heating
- Double glazing • Allocated parking • Private rear garden • MUST BE SEEN
- Ideal first time buy • Energy Rating: C

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UPPER GORNAL

- Mid-Terraced Property with FOUR Bedrooms
- Deceptively Spacious Family Home • Two Reception Rooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing • Popular Location
- Interior Viewing Recommended. Energy Rating: D

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OLD PARK ROAD
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- Semi-detached with three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus verandah • Heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Conveniently positioned • Requiring some modernisation works. Energy Rating: C

£114,950

KENT STREET
UPPER GORNAL

- Ideal investment or first time buy • Two bedrooms end-terrace
- Lounge, kitchen, utility area, cellar • Bathroom with 'white' suite
- Central heating (combination boiler) • Double glazing (where specified)
- Private rear garden • No upward chain. Energy Rating: E

Reduced to £79,950

HILL STREET
UPPER GORNAL

- Well presented ground floor flat • Bedroom, lounge, kitchen
- Bathroom • Central heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Viewing recommended • Ideal first time buy. Energy Rating: D

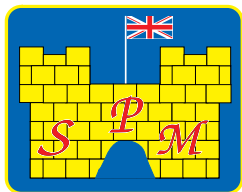
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IF THE car you are looking for needs to be dependable, secure, safe, and perhaps not too exciting the market place is quite wide and varied, but one manufacturer that always comes out in the top choice factor is Toyota, one of the world's largest car makers.

Toyota have recently introduced the next generation of the Auris, this benefits from an all-new exterior design.

I like the fact that Toyota has followed other manufacturers of giving their frontal design a corporate look; they call it the Toyota family face.

I just like it when you instantly know who has manufactured a car, has its own heritage, its own DNA, and I really do like this feature that the Auris knows who has manufactured it.

Road test by Bob Hickman

The overall length has been extended just slightly but the wheelbase remains the same, a slight extension of length will relate to a little more interior space although that having been said the new model has been reduced in height by 55mm and this sometimes can be a worry if the interior headroom has been reduced, but I am glad to say this is not the case.

The design people at Toyota have been working hard on the Auris, they worked hard on losing weight, the chassis design, the packaging and the engine configurations.

Impressive

All this gives a vehicle that has a better level of equipment and is now cheaper to run than ever before.

The aerodynamics have made quite impressive savings in respect of running costs and in addition engine tweaks and adjustments have improved fuel consumptions and reduced CO2 emissions considerably, thus bringing down running and ownership costs.

The Auris is available with multi-choices in respect of the power trains; you can go for the full hybrid or a choice of two petrols or one diesel.

Hybrid has progressed quite considerably from being a niche market to a very important factor. The jury is still out in respect of hybrids, I believe the technological advancement in conventional engines has seen such strides as the expenditure and long term ownership worries of a hybrid are not sufficient for me to actually consider.

The 2 petrols are a 1.3-litre producing 98 bhp, and a 1.6-litre producing 130bhp, this was the engine that was fitted in to my particular test car, with a 6-speed gearbox which it is pleasing to report that you can use all of the 6 gears as opposed to some vehicles that I have driven whereby 5th and 6th are pure motorway.

It is possible for your Auris to be supplied with a 1.4-litre diesel producing 89 bhp, where the diesel scores heavily in the fuel consumption figures.

Toyota suggest a combined figure of 74 mpg could be achievable but let's reduce that considerably to

real world figures and you should be able to achieve 50 mpg and in all probability 45 from the smaller 1.3-litre petrol. My 1.6-litre rewarded me with 42 mpg whilst it was in my company.

Toyota have taken the step of changing the way they describe their vehicles and now you can buy an Active, Icon, Sport or an Excel.

The standard features on all versions include 7 air bags, air conditioning, follow me home headlights, they also benefit from hill start assist, a vehicle stability programme system and LED daytime running headlamps.

All manufacturers have extras list and the optional Toyota Touch and Go multimedia system with a full map navigation system was fitted in to my vehicle, and for once it was one of the most user friendly satellite navigation and Bluetooth methods I have used.

Automatic

Even the entry level Active benefits from automatic air-conditioning and electric windows and mirrors.

The Auris is a pleasant vehicle to be ensconced in for any length of time, the all important head and shoulder room box for driver and front passenger was ticked without any problems and the rear seats could accommodate 2 adults certainly, 3 children quite easily, 3 adults with a squish.

The boot was more than adequate for the luggage for 4 people.

I did like on my derivative the parking assist system, a rear view camera and front and rear parking sensors.

Servicing The on road price is £17,495 on to that you needed to add £450 for metallic paint and on my vehicle the touch and go navigation system increased the price by £650.

All Toyotas have a 5-year 100,000 miles Pan European Mechanical Warranty and benefit from a 3-year paint work warranty, anti corrosion is covered for 12 years.

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Model benefits from redesign



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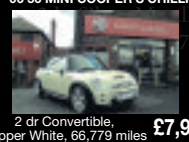
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Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciplines – general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic

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makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes.

"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary

salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

"I believe many of them have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

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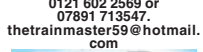
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Hartwell holds sway with his art of swing

Tales from The Bratch

ANT HARTWELL proved to be the oldest swinger in town with a devastating display for Beacon's second XI.

Swing bowler Hartwell showed there is no substitute for experience as he tore through the Walsall YPF batting line-up to claim stunning figures of 7-14.

Hartwell's burst saw Walsall YPF dismissed for 123 after they had been 60-0.

The rain-affected clash then turned into a family affair as Hartwell's son, Mike, top scored with 47 to help Beacon reach 107-5 from 23 overs and claim the winning draw.

Beacon's third team also bagged a winning draw from their home clash with Wolverhampton.

Opener Brad Sproson hit 64 and Nigel Prestidge 44 as Beacon posted 226-9.

After a break for rain, Wolverhampton closed on 98-3 from 23 overs in reply.

Beacon's firsts saw their clash with Whittington washed out.

Matty Briggs had claimed three wickets as Whittington were reduced to 58-3 before the rain ended proceedings.

Victory

But the first XI were successful on Sunday when they edged to a one-wicket victory at Kidderminster in the Worcestershire League.

Kidderminster were dismissed for 189 with Billy Cox the pick of the Beacon bowlers with 3-44, while Harry Hodgetts and James Fildes claimed two victims each.

In reply, Tom Elwell (34), James Baikoff (32) and Ed Stevenson (30) all chipped in at the top of the order but it took an unbeaten 33 from skipper Roger Fildes to see Beacon over the line.

The second XI were beaten at home by Barnards Green.

Spinner Zak Smith returned amazing figures of 5-0 from just 11 balls as Beacon's Under-15s cruised to victory over Alveley.

His stunning spell helped fire out Alveley for 24 in reply to Beacon's 173-3.

Bill Cox led the way with the bat with an unbeaten 50 with Callum Gutteridge (37 not out), Josh Westood (27) and Luke Jones (26) providing support.

Run of five defeats is brought to an end

NATHAN ROUND and Ben Smith helped Himley stop a run of five straight defeats in the Premier Division.

Round made 48 not out and Smith an unbeaten 47 as Himley moved to 114-3 at Wolverhampton in reply to the hosts' 175-7 from a reduced quota of 46 overs.

Himley were on the wrong end of the draw, but picked up five points from the perilous position of 20-3.

With nearly every game affected by the weather, Wolves claimed a welcome 13 points but are still searching for their first win of the season in the division.

Walsall had the weather to

thank as they escaped with a draw against Premier Division leaders Shrewsbury. The Gorway Road side were skittled out for just 62 but the visitors were left stranded on 29-1 as rain forced an abandonment.

Wombourne moved off the bottom after picking up eight points from their abandoned game with Brockhampton. West Bromwich Dartmouth's clash with Kidderminster Victoria at Sandwell Park was also called off after the hosts had reached 252-7, Basit Zaman top scoring with 87.

In Division One, Smethwick claimed an impressive winning

Cricket

draw against second-placed Kenilworth Wards in a 20 overs game.

Smethwick made 91-7 but former Warwickshire ace Neil Carter claimed 3-17 as the visitors were restricted to just 46-5.

Superb

Brewood escaped with a losing draw at home to Bromsgrove thanks to a superb rearguard action from tail-enders John Redrup and Robbie Byrne.

After the visitors had made 230-9, Brewood finished on 86-9 with Redrup and Byrne blocking out the

final 10 overs. Old Hill claimed a winning draw away at Leamington Spa following skipper Danny Cox's unbeaten 48 in their total of 248-6. The hosts then reached 233-7, with Humais Butt claiming 4-51.

Fordhouses' struggles continued in Division Two with a losing draw at home to Halesowen. Responding to the visitors' huge 307-3, the hosts could reach only 153-9. Overseas star Riaz Aziz struck an unbeaten 100 for Halesowen, while Kester Moseley made 92 and Mohammed Ishtiaq 70.

Stourbridge's stay at the summit lasted just one week as they went down by 47 runs at

Oswestry. Chasing 160, they slumped to 112 all out.

Penkridge remain top of Division Three following a 38-run win over Evesham. The leaders made just 195 as Imran Ali claimed 4-38 for the visitors but Mohammed Murad then took 6-49 as Evesham were dismissed for 158, despite 73 from Nasir Ali Khan.

Cannock finished just two runs short of a winning draw at Streetly. Penn's game with Aston Manor was abandoned after they made 153-7, and the match between Bridgnorth and Milford Hall was abandoned with the home side on 88-5 in pursuit of 155-5.

Ghent will have work cut out in Second City

TOMMY Ghent has been told to expect to go the distance with Jay Morris in Birmingham tomorrow night – but Ryan Corrigan will miss the show through injury.

The Coseley duo, trained by Paul Gough at Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club, were both due to compete on ex-pro Tommy Owens' show at the Paragon Hotel.

But Corrigan has damaged his elbow in training and has been forced to pull out, leaving cohort Ghent as the Black Country representative on the bill.

The highly-rated welterweight, aged 20, steps up to a six-rounder against the 'Isle of Wight Assassin' Jay Morris, who holds a victory over Curtis Woodhouse.

The 35-year-old took Brummie Tommy Langford's best shots the last time he boxed in Birmingham, going the distance on the same bill as Ghent in February.

Now they clash at a different venue in the Second City and Ghent.

Gough said: "I have seen how durable Jay is and what he would bring to the table for Tom, that's why he's such an ideal opponent for him at this stage."

"To be fair, Tom has not gone out to stop the kid in any of the fights he has had, they have just happened. Stoppages are over-rated, really."

"People are not living with his power – Jay will. I believe Tom will get a good six rounds in and he won't have it all his own way, either."

The boxers from Gough's Priory Park base then move on to Wolverhampton Civic

by Craig Birch

Hall, where four are booked on the card for Saturday July 6. Dudley's Ryan Aston could win his first title, the International Masters middleweight belt, against Portuguese-born Spaniard Yuri Pompilio.

Tipton's Ricky Summers boxes for the first time since his mother died earlier this year. He will be fighting at light heavyweight against the durable Tony Shields.

Welterweight Lance Brooks will be looking to kick on from his comeback fight in March after three months out of the ring, this time against Ross Payne.

Bloxwich's Luke Paddock, a light welter, appears to be growing in stature according to his trainer having, like Brooks, clocked up two points wins so far.

For tickets to the Birmingham show, call the Paragon Hotel on 0121 627 0627 or 07450 458 293.

For tickets to the Wolverhampton show, call the Civic box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Bob hauls in massive trout for contest record



Bob Charity with the record 15lb trout he caught in a fly fishing competition at Patshull Park

A WOLVERHAMPTON angler had his hands full when he landed a record-breaking trout in a fishing competition.

Bob Charity was fishing in the Patshull Flyfishers Competition at Patshull Park, near Wolverhampton.

Bob, who is in his 50s, has been a season ticket holder for 18 years. He pulled in the monster weighing in at 15lb 8ozs on June 9.

The fisherman was using an orange friz lure, home tied in the monthly competition. Fishery

Manager Rowland Dudley, who was passing in a boat at the time said: "Bob didn't realise how big it was. He gulped a little when he pulled it out." The fish beats the previous record of 13lb 2oz which was caught by Michelle Langston in April 2011.

Nailbiting victory as Kaye fights to the end

DUDLEY'S Kaye Coulthard took the £240 winner's cheque in the The George Pritchatt Ladies Invitational bowls tournament at Chadsmoor Progressive.

She beat Birmingham's Maiza Herbert 21-19 in an absorbing high-quality final. Coulthard led 10-3 before Herbert fought back brilliantly to edge ahead 19-18. A single brought Coulthard back into the game before a double on the last end saw her claim victory.

Results, quarter-finals: A Evans 21 D Farmer 21, J Hargreaves 16 M Herbert 21, K Darling 20 K Coulthard 21, N Boulton 21 T Baker 4. Semi-finals: M Herbert 21 D Farmer 14, K Coulthard 21 N Boulton 17. Final: K Coulthard 21 M Herbert 19.

Chadsmoor Progressive produced a superb display to claim seven winners on their visit to the Windmill in the Dudley Building Society Bowls League.

The 7-7 tie put them top after defending champions M&B Cheslyn Hay went down 9-5 at Dudley Dell.

A middle-four revival by the brewers, including a stunning 21-7 victory for Paul Evans, put them in contention but the Dell closed out an excellent win.

Results, Premier Division: Cradley Sports 4 Willenhall Norderley A 12, Dudley Dell A 9 M&B Cheslyn Hay A 5, ECCA 4 Penn A 12, Victoria Park 10 The George 4, Willenhall Norderley B 10 Woodfield A 4, Windmill 7 Chadsmoor A 7. Division One: Hilly House 11 Amery 3, Penn B 11 Langley A 3, Short Heath Liberal 11 Glasscutters 3, Heath Hayes 4 Hawking Sports 12, Lea Hall 9 Pennfields A 5. Division Two: Chadsmoor B 9 Bylet 5, Codsall Ex Service 11 Goodrich 3, M&B Cheslyn Hay B 6 Wednesfield Cons 9, Woodman Saltwells 10 Shifnal A 4, Woodfield C 6 Gresty Green 10. Division Three: Langley B 4 Bridgtown Social 12, Oaklands 11 Wombourne A 3, Pennfields 11 Penkridge 3, Shifnal B 4 The Gate 12, Wombourne B 4 Springvale 12, Yale Social 11 ECC B 3.

Dream over for Reanne

DUDLEY snooker ace Reanne Evans saw her hopes of facing a former world champion end when she lost a qualifier at the Wuxi Classic event in China.

Evans, making history as the first female player to appear at a major tournament, lost 5-2 to Ziu Zinghui, who will now face 2010 world champion Neil Robertson in the first round.

The 27-year-old nine-time world women's snooker champion lost the opening three frames but produced a run of 79 and then a 38 break to close the deficit. But breaks of 46 and 42 saw Zinghui through to a dream clash with Robertson.



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Sir Jack tells fans they have key role

SIR Jack Hayward has delivered a 90th birthday wish to remind Wolves fans of their key role in the renaissance of the club.

The multi-millionaire life club president celebrated the memorable milestone at home in the Bahamas with an RAF-themed party of 100 guests at the Sir Charles Hayward Yacht Club named after his father.

But thoughts of his beloved Wolves and home city are never far away.

As he raised a glass on Friday, he had a defiant message which will tug at the heartstrings of every Wolves supporter, urging them to remember that following the club is a lifelong devotion.

"All the best to Wolves, and all the best for Wolverhampton," he said. "I have so many fond memories of the place. My message to people is this: Wolves are not just for one season, Wolves are forever."

Meanwhile, the club have denied speculation suggesting midfielder Karl Henry is set to join Leicester, or Ipswich and that Wolves are interested in Swansea striker Leroy Lita. Wolves haven't received any contact from either Championship club regarding Henry, and haven't made any calls for Lita.

Wolves off to Morecambe

WOLVES have been handed a low-key tie at Morecambe in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

Kenny Jackett's side, who were one of 35 seeded teams with Walsall and Birmingham, will travel to the Globe Arena in the week starting August 5. Twice League Cup winners Wolves will be hoping for better fortunes after losing to Morecambe in their two previous meetings.

DRAW: Bury v Crewe, Shrewsbury v Bolton, Middlesbrough v Accrington Stanley, Doncaster v Rochdale, Preston v Blackpool, Barnsley v Scunthorpe, Tranmere v Mansfield, York v Burnley, Notts County v Fleetwood, Sheffield United v Burton, Oldham v Derby, Carlisle v Blackburn, Morecambe v WOLVES, Nottingham Forest v Hartlepool, Leeds v Chesterfield, Huddersfield v Bradford, Rotherham v Sheffield Wednesday, Port Vale v WALSALL, Gillingham v Bristol City, AFC Bournemouth v Portsmouth, Wycombe v Leicester, Brentford v Dagenham, Exeter v QPR, Charlton v Oxford, Southend v Yeovil, Millwall v AFC Wimbledon, Swindon v Torquay, BIRMINGHAM v Plymouth, Stevenage v Ipswich, Cheltenham v Crawley, Bristol Rovers v Watford, Northampton v Milton Keynes, Leyton Orient v Coventry, Colchester v Peterborough, Brighton v Newport County.

Whiley just misses out on second singles title

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley narrowly missed out on winning her second ITF 1 Series singles titles in as many weeks.

The wheelchair tennis star finished runner-up at the Daegu Open to Japan's Yui Kamiji, the player she will partner next month at The Championships, Wimbledon.

For the second week in a row the British No. 2 and Korea Open champion started the women's singles as second seed and followed a first round bye by defeating Louise Hunt 7-5, 6-2 as two of the three top ranked Brits on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme went head-to-head. Whiley then booked her place

Wheelchair tennis

in another final with a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over Japanese fourth seed Kanako Domori.

World No.8 Whiley went into Friday's final having beaten Kamiji 6-4, 6-4 to win the Korea Open a week earlier, but top seed and world No. 7 Kamiji just had the edge in their latest head-to-head to beat Whiley for the first time in four attempts after securing the title 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

During the Daegu Open Whiley and Kamiji were confirmed among the four

women's partnerships for the Wimbledon Wheelchair Doubles Event, having entered the third Grand Slam of the year together even before pairing up for the first time to win the Korea Open in Seoul.

However, they were on opposite sides of the draw in Daegu as Whiley and Hunt narrowly missed out on the chance of a place in the doubles final alongside Kamiji.

The Brits made a good start to their semi-final against Malaysia's Faizatul Ahya Abdullah Thani and Thailand's Ratana Techamaneewat, one of the players Whiley and fellow Brit Lucy Shuker had beaten to claim the bronze medal in the women's

doubles at the London Paralympics. However, Thani and Techamaneewat recovered for a 2-6, 6-4, (10-8) victory.

"It would have been nice to have come back with all four titles, but I was very close in the singles final and the better player just won on the day," said Whiley. "Yui's a very, very good player and she recently won the first Super Series title of her career at the Japan Open. We had a great time playing together in Seoul, so we're really looking forward to Wimbledon," added Whiley, who was runner-up in the women's doubles at The Championships last year, partnering Shuker.

Depleted race side defeated

King's Lynn 53
Wolverhampton 37
DEPLETED Wolves ran out of steam against a powerhouse King's Lynn side in their Elite League clash, writes Rich Jones.

The Monmore men suffered a pointless return on the road for the first time this season – and it was talented British racer Richie Worrall who proved to be the difference with a stunning 18-point maximum at reserve for the Stars.

A 5-1 for the home side in the opening race put Parrys International Wolves on the back foot – although they did pull themselves back within two thanks to Freddie Lindgren and Adam Skornicki in heat five. But a trio of heat advantages gave King's Lynn an eight-point lead after eight outings.

With a tight finale in prospect, the hosts struck a timely 5-1 in heat 12 to give the Monmore men an uphill task, before a further King's Lynn maximum put the final nail in the Wolves' coffin and seal the win.

KING'S LYNN 53: Richie Worrall 18, Niels-Kristian Iversen 12, Simon Stead 9+2, Rory Schlein 7+1, Sebastian Alden 6+1, Andrejs Labedevs 1, Mads Korneliusen r/r.

WOLVES 37: Adam Skornicki 11+1, Freddie Lindgren 10, Scott Nicholls 7, Jacob Thorssell 6+2, Ludvig Lindgren 2+1, Ricky Wells 1+1, Ty Proctor r/r.

Runners ready for the Stumble

STOURBRIDGE Running Club's annual 10k Stourbridge Stumble takes place Saturday, August 10.

The multi-terrain race will start at 6pm from Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge. A 3.5k fun run around the park will also take place, starting at 5pm.

For more information visit www.srclub.co.uk or call 01384 823857.

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PAIN NO BARRIER FOR RACE ACE TAI

BRITISH hero Tai Woffinden said he shut off the pain with a lap to go in the final of the Gorzow FIM Speedway Grand Prix of Poland.

Wolverhampton man Woffinden was in agony racing just a fortnight after shattering his collarbone in the British GP.

However, he won yet more new admirers for his efforts against the odds by finishing third and keeping his title hopes alive. The meeting was won by Polish star Jarek Hampel, with reigning champion Chris Holder runner-up.

Woffinden, who notched 12 points, said: "At the end of the third lap I shut off because I thought the race was over, I was in that much pain my brain switched off for a moment."

"It was only when I looked across at the flag that I realised it was one more lap to go and I'm delighted to finish third."

"The pain was intense and hard to manage, but we got through it and I want to thank my mechanics, sponsors and all my supporters here in Poland and back in the UK."

Higher

Woffinden has also revealed how he and his team have agreed a change to their target for now on. "Up until now it's been all about finishing in the top eight and securing my place for next season," said the Scunthorpe-based rider.

"But now I'm going for a medal. That's the new target for me, I feel I've done enough over half the series now to set the bar a little bit higher."

"I will look forward to Copenhagen on June 29 now and aim for another place in the final."

Fellow Wolves man Fredrik Lindgren narrowly missed out on the semi-finals after a solid display.

The Swedish star kicked

Speedway

off his evening with two hard-fought second places, the latter after a ruthless charge past Triple world champion Nicki Pedersen on the opening lap.

A further point followed – yet he was left furious with Coventry man Krzysztof Kasprzak after an aggressive dive down the inside relegated Lindgren to the back in heat 15.

Left with an uphill task to make the semi-finals, the 27-year-old could only manage a second place behind Greg Hancock in his final outing leaving him agonisingly short of progression on seven points.

The result sees him drop to 11th in the World Championship standings but he has narrowed the gap to just five points in the race for the all-important eighth place which guarantees a spot in next year's series.

Dudley boss Will Pottinger was pleased with his side's performance after they suffered a narrow 51-41 defeat against Berwick in a Challenge match.

He said: "We were happy with the performance as we were very depleted with Lewis Blackbird injuring his shoulder at Scunthorpe."

Bowyer living on the edge as he survives chance



Wolverhampton's Dan Bowyer survives as Himley wicketkeeper Jagbir Dhillon, standing up at the wicket, just fails to hold on to a sharp chance. Match report and Birmingham Cricket League round-up – Page 55

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